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From the Chair's Office

As the Department Chairperson, I am honored to offer you a special greeting from our faculty, staff, and students. Like many of you, my association with CMU's Psychology Department is very strong, not only because I have had the privilege to work with so many talented colleagues, but also because I fondly remember my own days as a graduate student in our Experimental Program. These ties with part of the rich history of our Department, and with the work we are currently doing to bolster our programs so that we can continue to provide an outstanding education for our students, helps me to link the past, present, and future of our Department.

I have taken great pleasure in watching the Department grow. When I first came to CMU in the early 1970s, the program was already leading the way at CMU for integrating scholarship as a major part of the Department's mission. Under the bold leadership of Bill Hawkins, the Department offered students new opportunities to work on research projects with faculty. The benefits for those of us in the graduate programs were enormous, but scholarly work also provided wonderful opportunities for undergraduates to receive hands-on experience while engaging in interesting psychological research. I felt especially fortunate to be mentored by three outstanding teachers: Mike Kent, Terry Libkuman, and Bob Whitman. All of them took extra time to work with me and their other students to help us on our projects. Their devotion to helping students is a legacy I hope we can maintain far into the future.



The Department has continued to flourish under the leadership of Mike Kent and, more recently, Tim Hartshorne. Thanks to their leadership, the hard work of the faculty and staff, and the support of alumni and friends of our Department, we have grown to be one of the strongest Departments at CMU. We now have four Ph.D. programs: School, Industrial/Organizational, Clinical, and Applied Experimental. In addition, we have added a graduate preparation major and are invested in two new interdisciplinary undergraduate programs: cognitive science and neuroscience. The amount of scholarly activity produced by faculty and students continues to grow, and yet we have managed to hold on to the legacy that made CMU such a great place to be as a student. Our faculty continues to possess a strong commitment to teaching and to mentoring students.

Despite the gloomy clouds of uncertainty brought about by threats of war and a wavering economy, the future still looks bright for the Psychology Department. I believe this is because we cling to a set of values that make us somewhat unique. We strive towards excellence in our research endeavors, and because we are committed to both our graduate and undergraduate students, we also strive to maintain an even balance between teaching and research. We do this, many times, by integrating our teaching with research. We are convinced that students receive a much more rewarding and enriching experience when they are actively involved in scholarship. Because of this commitment, and because of the steadfast support of people like you, the future of Psychology at CMU looks very bright, indeed.

-Gary Dunbar

Other News

Guest Speaker, Dr. Sandra Russ, Presents Research at Central Michigan University

Dr. Elizabeth Meadows brought Dr. Sandra Russ to Central Michigan University's campus on September 20, 2002. Dr. Russ, a Professor of Psychology at Case Western Reserve University, presented to a standing-room-only crowd of faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students interested in child development. Her presentation, "Pretend Play as a Resource for Children," summarized some of the extensive research she has conducted in the area of children's fantasy play, creativity, and affective functioning.

Following the presentation, Dr. Russ met with graduate and undergraduate students for an informal discussion.

Dr. Russ is the former president of the Society for Personality Assessment and the former president of APA's Section on Clinical Child Psychology. Her forthcoming book, *Play in Child Development and Psychotherapy: Toward Empirically Supported Practice* (Erlbaum Associates, Inc.), integrates theory and research in the area of child psychotherapy and evaluates play as a tool for intervention.

Overview of the Health Professions Building



Artist's Rendering of the new Health Professions Building

The new Health Professions Building will serve approximately 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 19 health-related programs. One of the most important services of the new Health Professions Building will be improved health care for people living in rural and underserved areas of the state. This mission will be accomplished by training qualified professionals—



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psychologists, audiologists, physical therapists and physician's assistants—to serve health care needs and provide vital health screening, treatment, and research to our community.

Below is a complete list of the educational programs to be offered in the Health Professions Building:

Graduate Programs:

Audiology
Physical Education/Exercise Science
Clinical Psychology
Physical Therapy
Health Administration
Physician Assistant
Public Health (Admin./Ed.)
Health Promotion and Rehabilitation
Speech Language Pathology
Applied Experimental Psychology*
(* with Neuroscience concentration)

Undergraduate majors:

Communication Disorders
Public Health Ed. And Health Promotion
Community/Public Health Education
Physical Education
Health Administration
School Health Education
Health Fitness in Preventive and
Sports Medicine/Athletic Training
Rehabilitative Prevention
Sports Studies
Neuroscience

Building Design Features

The Health Professions Building will cover approximately 175,000 square feet with a net (useable) space of 110,000 square feet. The building will foster interdisciplinary collaborations, as well as enhance and deepen the intellectual engagement of students through active, learner-centered, instructional spaces and practices that actualize the learning potential of each student. An important component of the Health Professions Building will be the establishment of the Rural TeleHealth and Community Education Network. CMU will establish an interactive digital and audio-video community to improve access to reliable information resources and to improve the efficiency and quality of health services to migrant and underserved rural populations. This project



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will be developed to serve as a model that can be adapted for rural communities nationwide.

The B.R.A.I.N. Center

The new Health Professions Building will also be the home of the new Brain Research and Integrative Neurosciences (BRAIN) Center. The BRAIN Center was initiated by a Research Excellence Fund Grant awarded to Dr. Gary Dunbar, who will be Co-Director of the BRAIN Center with Dr. Justin Oh-Lee. The primary goal of the BRAIN Center will be to provide state-of-the-art instruction and research in neuroscience, with a special emphasis on strategies, techniques, and procedures needed to investigate ways to facilitate recovery and function following damage or disease to the brain and/or spinal cord. The BRAIN Center will be intensively collaborative and will follow an interdisciplinary model that will maximize investigations into neuroanatomical, neuro-psychopharmacological, and neurophysiological mechanisms involved in functional recovery following central nervous system (CNS) damage. Halting the progression of CNS neurodegeneration, repairing lost function, and even preventing such neurodegenerative diseases are some of the goals of the BRAIN Center.

The BRAIN Center will use rodent models of CNS trauma or neurodegenerative diseases (such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases) to investigate a wide range of novel approaches and treatment strategies, including pharmacological interventions, stem cell transplantation, gene therapy techniques, and growth factor replacement. The BRAIN Center's interdisciplinary approaches will provide exceptional opportunities for making progress on the causes and treatments of CNS dysfunction.

In addition to searching for pharmacological treatments, the BRAIN Center will be involved in cutting-edge research on the use of stem cell transplantation to restore lost functions in rodent models of neurodegeneration. The harvesting, culturing, and induction of undifferentiated stem cells in therapeutically significant quantities that can be transplanted into the damaged brain has become a technological reality. Importantly, use of autographs (stem cells from one's own bone marrow that can be differentiated into functioning neurons) is a promising therapeutic strategy that could both decrease the chance of immunological rejection of the transplant and avoid the ethical quagmire surrounding the use of fetal or embryonic tissue. This new technology offers the greatest hope for the millions of people who would otherwise face the gruesome future of permanent disability or death following injury or disease to the brain.

However, many details of inducing and matching appropriate neural tissue to specific areas of the compromised brain need to be worked out. Therapeutic strategies involving combined treatments of neurotrophic factors and other pharmacological agents with transplanted stem cells may further augment the efficacy of this treatment paradigm. Considerable research is still required to effectively use these new technologies in clinically relevant ways. Research into furthering this type of therapeutic approach, as well as others, will be the unifying focus of the new BRAIN Center.

New Employee

We recently lost the long-time services of Carol Kross, who spent eight years with the Psychology Department. She worked with three chairpersons, two office managers, and three program directors. Carol joined the department as a receptionist & General Master's program secretary. She became Assistant Office Manager, Undergraduate Program Assistant, and the Neuroscience Program secretary for the department in May 2001.

Carol accepted a new position within the University in September 2002, and is now the Master of Science in Administration program secretary in 100 Foust Hall. Congratulations on your move, Carol!



Trevor Owen

To replace Carol, we have brought on Trevor Owen. Trevor, a Mt. Pleasant resident for the past seven years, received his bachelor's from CMU in 2000. He spent two years as a business analyst and researcher in several fields including biotechnology, crisis management, electronics, polymers, and organizational behavior before returning to work for CMU.

Department Picnic

The annual department picnic took place on August 25th this year. The activity brought the faculty together for one last fling before getting down to another year of hard work.

The department would like to thank John and Carolyn Monahan for hosting the picnic and Barb Houghton for all her hard work in putting this year's picnic together. It was a great success, and we look forward to doing it again next year!



Department Picnic (August 25, 2002)

Awards and Recognition

Recipients of the *Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation Award*

Stephanie (Morlan) Haaland (Industrial/Organizational May 2002, Ph.D. graduate) *Understanding Organizational Citizenship and Counterproductive Work Behavior: Examining Interactions Utilizing an Organizational Versus Interpersonal Categorization Strategy*. Dissertation chair – Dr. Stephen Wagner.

Nicole Novak (Experimental May 2002 master's graduate) *Community Sentiment and the Juvenile Offender: Should Juvenile Offenders Charged With Felony Murder Be Waived Into The Criminal Justice System?* Thesis chair – Dr. Terry Libkuman.

Recipient of *Undergraduate Student Research Grant for the Fall 2002 semester*

Kevin Schultz – *Change in Stroop Interference Without Training: A Control Condition*. Advisor: Dr. John Monahan.

Recipients of *Graduate Student Research Grant for the Fall 2002 semester*

Jennifer Butcher (Clinical graduate) *Child-Focused Attributions and Parents' Readiness to Change*. Advisor: Dr. Larissa Niec.

Jennifer Slezak (Clinical graduate) *Hypermasculine Beliefs: A Diathesis for Aggressive Personal Problem-Solving Strategies*. Advisor: Dr. George Ronan.

Recipients of *Dissertation Support Awards for the Fall 2002 Semester*

Toni Callison (School)
Jannel Hemme (Clinical)
Jay Janovics (Industrial/Organizational)
Larissa Linton (Industrial/Organizational)
Sheryl Rozema (School)

Update from the Programs

Clinical – Dr. George Ronan

It is the beginning of November and it has already snowed twice in Central Michigan. In fact, there is a dusting of snow on the ground as I write this update. Within the program, we have just finished a slew of dissertation and dissertation proposal defenses. We admitted eight students this year and they are all busy adjusting to the first year's workload. Eight advanced students are busy applying for pre-doctoral internship training for the 2003-2004 training cycle. The clinical program is doing well and I write to keep you informed about the progress we are making.

Program Update

Since I last wrote, the new Health Professions Building has taken shape. The Psychological Training and Consultation Center is schedule to move into the new facility in the summer of 2003. Dr. Dave Dush, in his role as Director of the PTCC, just received a Graduate Psychology Education Program grant to help facilitate the interdisciplinary focus that we have all envisioned for the new training clinic. Both students and faculty remain excited about the new training facility.

The clinical faculty continues to be proud of the accomplishments of our students. The rate of student presentations and publications continues to rise and we will soon be contacting our alumni to solicit donations for the new annual awards: The Annual Student Award for Excellence in Clinical Work, and Annual Student Award for Excellence in Clinical Research.

Below are the names of the students applying for internship placements for the 2003-2004 training cycle:

Students Applying for Internship Placement

Jannel Hemme	Regan Murray
Corbin Irelan	Dave Sitzer
Jason Levinson	Justin Yopp
Anna Muller	Raphael Zeigler

Experimental – Dr. Richard Backs

This is my first column as Experimental Program Director. Before reviewing the exciting things that are happening, I'd like to recognize the previous director, Dr. Hajime Otani, for his many years of exemplary service to the program. We will miss his leadership, but we will not miss his puns. We are also very happy to welcome another of our outstanding program faculty as department chair, Dr. Gary Dunbar.

Although I am sure that you have read about her in last year's newsletter, I'd like to personally welcome our newest faculty member, Dr. Kyunghye Han. We are very pleased that Dr. Han has been hired for the quantitative position after having served one year as a temporary faculty. Those of you who read the newsletter regularly know that we have been trying to fill this position for several years. We are fortunate to have been able to hire someone of Dr. Han's caliber and look forward to keeping her busy in the regression and multivariate statistics classes, and on thesis and dissertation committees, for many years to come.

As usual, we are searching for additional faculty for the program. We have two tenure-track searches in progress this year. We are again searching for a neuroscientist after a failed search last year. We have high hopes that our search will be successful this year, in part because the neuroscience faculty will be moving to the new Health Professions Building early in the summer of 2003. This building will be a cutting-edge facility with state-of-the-art laboratory and teaching space, not to mention the clinics that will also be located here.

A video tour of the construction is available at:
<http://www.chp.cmich.edu/announcements/video.htm>

The second position is new this year. We will be trying to hire a behavior analyst to keep the animal labs in Rowe Hall active after the neuroscience faculty move to the new building. I hope to have good news to report about both of these searches in the spring newsletter.

The program has been very active since the last newsletter. We admitted seven new master degree students and two doctoral students, and five of our students finished their M.S. degrees. The program faculty and students continue to be very productive in their scholarship. Elsewhere in the newsletter, you can find a sample of our activities in the list of experimental students who have presented papers at national and international meetings. The travel funds for those students are in large part provided by the generosity of our alumni. I am working on setting up a special account for the Experimental Program so that when the university calls, you can specify that your donation go directly to

the program. We are always interested in your progress since leaving the program and would love to hear from you. Feel free to send me an email at backs1rw@cmich.edu and let me know what you are doing now.

Industrial/Organizational – Dr. Bryan Gibson

A number of I/O students and faculty had research papers accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP). In addition, both faculty and students have been successful in publishing their research. Recent graduates Gary Adams, Gina Alampay, Sharon Glazer, Stephanie Haaland, and Mahesh Subramony, and current students Nathan Bowling and Jay Janovics have all participated in collaborative projects with faculty that have recently been accepted for publication. Also, Steve Colarelli's new book, "No Best Way: An Evolutionary Perspective on Human Resource Management" (published by Praeger) will be coming out next year. Well done all!

Stephanie Haaland was awarded the University wide outstanding dissertation award for her dissertation, "*Understanding Organizational Citizenship and Counterproductive Work Behaviors: Examining Interactions Utilizing an Organizational Versus Interpersonal Categorization Strategy.*" This is a real feather in our cap, both as a department and as a program. Congratulations to Stephanie (and to her dissertation chair, Steve Wagner).

Changes

Congratulations to recent graduate Gina Alampay for securing a position as an assistant professor at Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines and to Heidi Keller-Glaze who is now an associate at Caliber Associates in Kansas City. Also, Neil Christiansen was promoted last spring to Associate Professor. I am settling into my new role as director of the I/O program this fall, while Terry Beehr is enjoying his first semester away from that role in six years. I'm not sure which of us should be congratulated.

School – Dr. Sharon Bradley-Johnson

We were very pleased to finally receive written notification from the APA confirming full accreditation for our doctoral program. Thanks again to all of you who assisted us in this process. Our next review will be in four years.

Fortunately, we had warm weather this year for our welcome picnic for new students. This year's class includes three doctoral students: Tina Grialow, Amy

Jackson, and Ling Zhou and seven specialist students: David Bentley, Tina Coyle, Janet Kulhanek, Jill Mosack, Jan Oliver, Erica Roggenbuck, and Jane Sturgell.

Working with Dr. Katrina Rhymer, Christie Nutkins and Amanda Lee presented three posters on explicit timing and interspersal for teaching math facts and word problems at the Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA) in Toronto in May.

The School Psychology faculty held a retreat in July at Neithercut Woodland to review the program and curriculum offerings. Despite the nice weather and beautiful scenery, we remained on task and felt we accomplished a great deal.

For this academic year, Dr. Tim Hartshorne has accepted a position as Assistant Vice Provost. However, he will be teaching Advanced Therapeutic Interventions during the spring 2003 semester. When Dr. Hartshorne returns to Psychology in the Fall of 2003, he will be on sabbatical.

An important task for us this year is to fill our faculty vacancy. We have begun the recruiting process and are hopeful that we can be successful in our search this year.

We hope your academic year is off to a good beginning. Please keep in touch.

Undergraduate – Dr. Debra Poole

Last spring, we announced that three of our students had received undergraduate summer scholarship awards. Each year, the Summer Research Scholars Program provides stipends of \$2,400 to selected undergraduates who are conducting research projects in cooperation with CMU faculty members. This October, all three psychology recipients presented their findings at a conference for 2002 summer scholars. Our congratulations go to Mark Thompson and Steven Hough, who worked with Dr. Richard Backs, and to Amy Duff, who worked with Dr. Katrina Rhymer.

The Undergraduate Program launched a new advising program this fall. *Exploring Psychology* is an optional “first tier” advising experience where students can meet one-on-one with an advanced doctoral student to discuss careers in psychology, graduate schools, and how to arrange volunteer and research experiences. After narrowing down their interests, students then meet with faculty members for more specialized (“second tier”) advising. In addition to helping students explore their options, program staff are recording the questions students ask and using this information to prepare written fact-sheets for an upcoming advising web page.

We invite you to help us address students’ concerns by sharing your insights with us. We are collecting, “What I wish I had known” narratives from alumni to share with students, and to help us generate ideas about ways we might better serve our students. To preserve your confidentiality, your name will be deleted from all reproductions of your comments.

You can help this effort by filling out the form at the end of the newsletter, and mailing it to Deb Poole at:

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The Psychological Training and Consultation Center – Dr. David Dush

CMU’s Department of Psychology has just received a \$99,001 federal grant from the Bureau of Health Professions for its training of doctoral level clinical psychologists. This grant was especially coveted as it is from the first round of funding of its type.

For many years, federal Graduate Medical Education support has been available for training of physicians and, more recently, certain other health professions. This is the first year that Graduate Psychology Education funds have been available to a small number of applicants from doctoral programs and internship sites.

Under Dr. David Dush, Principle Investigator, CMU’s grant will support current and expanded training initiatives in the Psychology Department’s Psychological Training and Consultation Center, the primary on-campus applied training site. In particular, the grant expands multi-disciplinary and collaborative training with psychiatry, CMU’s Physician Assistant Program, the Speech and Language Clinic, and MidMichigan Medical Center’s Family Practice Residence Program. This grant is expected to further fuel efforts underway for the anticipated move of the Psychological Training and Consultation Center into the multi-disciplinary health sciences climate of CMU’s new Health Professions Building in 2003.

News from Student Organizations

APSSC

The American Psychological Society Student Caucus of Central Michigan University (APSSC of CMU) is a student organization with two important goals. Our primary goal is to promote student involvement in research activities in psychology. We

work toward achieving this goal by increasing the interaction between students and professors at our monthly socials and by providing students with the information they need to become involved in research. Our website and our meetings are intended as resources for students to find out more about the types of research professors are working on, how to get involved with faculty research, and how to perform their own research.

Our second goal is to educate—not only our own members, but also all psychology students—about professional planning, the GRE, graduate school admissions, and careers in psychology. Because this goal is quite similar to the goals of Psi Chi, our organization works in concert with Psi Chi to provide this knowledge to students. Our chapter helps support the Psychology Department by assisting with advising night and spreading the word about psychology to all CMU students.

As with any student organization, our success depends heavily on the support of psychology faculty members. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Monahan, who recently stepped down as our advisor, and to Dr. Oh-Lee, who took his place. Both of these professors have been instrumental in our success this semester and we thank them very much for their support. In addition, we would like to thank Drs. Backs, Johnson, and Skeel for hosting APSSC socials within the past year. For the upcoming semester, we will continue with our monthly socials and perhaps have an invited speaker at one of the socials. We are also in the process of establishing an APSSC scholarship program to encourage student participation. We look forward to your continued support.

CSA

2002 has been an active year for the Clinical Student Association (CSA). We began the academic year by hosting a “Welcome to CMU” picnic for new and returning clinical students, as well as faculty and staff. The picnic provided an excellent opportunity for the new clinical students to get to know their colleagues, and a good time was had by all.

The CSA has worked hard to ensure funding for its members to attend various national conferences where they presented new research conducted at Central Michigan University. We recently submitted funding requests for a total of 18 clinical students to travel to conferences this academic year. Included in this are several students who will be presenting research at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy conference in Reno, Nevada in November, as well as at the Society for Personality Assessment conference in San Francisco next spring. By working to secure funding for its members, the CSA provides its members with the

opportunity to attend and present research at these conferences.

IOPA

IOPA has already had a busy semester. The term began with the 2nd annual Road Rally to welcome the incoming 2002 class. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Gibson and Dr. Christiansen also offered up their homes for the start of term faculty-student socials. On October 23, IOPA hosted Dr. Jean Talaga’s presentation on life post-grad school.

In early December, Dr. Neal Schmitt of Michigan State University will also be giving a presentation to IOPA members. Next semester, IOPA plans to have Dr. Frank Morgan of Dow Chemical and Dr. Steve Jex of Bowling Green as guest speakers along with the annual alumni dinner at the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology’s April conference in Orlando, Florida.

Central Neuroscience Society

A group of neuroscience students has re-established the Neuroscience Society at Central Michigan University with the help of the Dr. Gary Dunbar as an adviser, and Dr. Justin Oh-Lee as a co-adviser. The society is run as a registered student organization and is affiliated with the BRAIN Center at Central Michigan University.

The purpose of this organization is to increase student awareness of current research in the field of neuroscience and facilitate interdepartmental participation in neuroscience research.

The brain lies at the core of human experience. It controls the smile of a baby, the complex calculations of a mathematician, the rage of a criminal, and the coordinated movements of an athlete. Neuroscience is the scientific study of the brain and nervous system, in health and disease. By understanding how the brain works, we can gain a better understanding of personality and potential treatments or cures for diseases like Parkinson's, Huntington's, or Alzheimer's. As such, neuroscience offers enormous promises for all humanity far into the foreseeable future.

Scientific study of the brain requires the skills of many different disciplines. Thus, this major is interdisciplinary and interdepartmental. The faculty members involved in the neuroscience program include biologists, psychologists, biochemists, mathematicians, and engineers, all of whom share a fascination with the function of the brain. The brain is studied at many different levels, including the molecular and cellular levels, the level of systems of neurons, and at the behavioral level.

If you are interested in science, health, or human behavior and enjoy discovering new things, perhaps you should consider joining our society to learn and share the utter joy of learning and discovering through cutting edge research. One day, your research may contribute to an improved quality of life for all of society.

The Central Neuroscience Society has held a couple of interesting events over Fall 2002, beginning with Dr. Justin Oh-Lee presenting an original study that he published in *Science* in 1993, and later followed up on in a paper that was published in *Brain Research* in 2000. Dr. Justin Oh-Lee was a new faculty hired at the Psychology Department in the summer of 2001. He earned his Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience from the University of California at Los Angeles, and continued with his post-doc for six years at National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health before coming to Central.

The society presented a pre-recorded version of Dr. Eric Kandel's 2000 Nobel Lecture on "The Molecular Mechanism of Learning and Memory" on October 15, at the BRAIN Center. The society also reached out to the community when it was asked by an elementary school to talk about the nervous system to 2nd and 3rd graders. The presentation was very well received.

In the future, the society plans to bring more cutting edge neuroscientists from renowned universities and institutes across the country to talk about their research and build upon student and faculty awareness of current neuroscience and related field research. The society in conjunction with the Brain Center will also host Brain Awareness week from March 10th through 17th in the Spring of 2003.

For more information concerning the society or just on Neuroscience, please visit our website at www.chsbs.cmich.edu/cns, or you can always call us at (989) 774-3988.

Psi Chi

Our chapter holds biweekly general meetings in order to inform our members about issues including research opportunities, graduate study, different fields in psychology, the GRE, and careers in psychology. We encourage members to become involved in research with faculty members, to join other psychology student organizations, to develop their leadership skills by serving as chapter officers, and to support each other in developing a sense of identity and community with psychology as a discipline.

Our chapter also supports the Psychology Department in various ways, including helping with

Advising Night and co-sponsoring the Psychology Graduating Senior Reception. Psi Chi also helps support the CMU chapter of APSSC, the American Psychological Society Student Caucus, especially in its efforts to get undergraduates involved in research.

Many of our programs depend on the support and involvement of Psychology faculty members. We would like to express our appreciation to Drs. Neal, Oh-Lee, Christiansen, Quirk, and Poole, who spoke at chapter meetings during the past year. We would also like to thank Dr. Van Horn, our advisor.

SASP

SASP members have been very active this fall. In addition to meetings and social events, a number of things were done to ensure SASP's continued status as a registered student organization. The SASP officers have also made a number of relatively small, but important changes to improve the organization. We are very lucky to have such officers.

Our organization continues to support student research and conference attendance and we are currently exploring avenues to fund participation and attendance at the 2003 NASP conference in Toronto. Last May, some of our students attended and presented with Dr. Katrina Rhymer at the Applied Behavior Analysis conference.

To help support our community, we are collecting non-perishable goods for a local food pantry and providing assistance for a family during the holidays.

The SASP officers for this year are Abby Cypher (President), Amber Brundage (Vice-president), Amanda Lee (Treasurer), and Jen Swanson (Secretary). Faculty co-advisors are Mike Hixson and Dr. Sandy Morgan. We have a large group of students who are completing their first practica hours in the school system. Our program continues to enjoy the strong support of alumni that assist in the training of our students.

Alumni News

Anthony Grant Austin, BS in Psychology, (1997). Anthony is currently working for Carson Behavioral Health as a psychiatric technician, the Michigan Department of Corrections at the Michigan Reformatory, and at Lowes Home Improvement as a Loss Prevention Specialist. Mr. Austin joined the Air Force ROTC program at Michigan State University and graduated in May 2001 with a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. This fall he will be a 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force.

Eric Burkholder, M.A. Psychology, (1996). Eric is completing his doctoral studies at the University of

Nevada, with only his dissertation remaining. Since leaving CMU, Eric has worked with the PATH program for adults with developmental disabilities, as an education director for a non-public school for children with behavioral disorders, and is currently the Senior Behavior Analyst for Spectrum Center overseeing two non-public schools for children with disabilities and behavior disorders.

Steven H. Carter, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, (1991). Steven is president and CEO of MEDPsych Minnesota (www.defenseinformationcenter.com) which provides defense consulting services for complex, high risk, personal injury claims of Head Injury, Toxic Exposure, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Depression, Chronic Pain Syndrome and other psychological and neurological injury claims and litigation for cases in Canada and the American states of ND, SD, IA, MN, and WI. Steven resides in Virginia, MN with his wife and two children, ages 9 and 12, where he enjoys performing in community theater, kayaking, mountain biking, playing soccer, and international travel.

Todd Harris, BS Psychology (1983), received his first Master's in psychology at Eastern Michigan University, then went on to earn a Master's and Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Massachusetts. Currently, he is the Director of the Devereux CARES, a private day school for children with severe autism located near Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Harris has published and presented numerous articles and is a private consultant, specializing in autism and other developmental disabilities. He and his wife, Susan, have three children and reside in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Janie (Gardner) Herrick, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, (2001). After completing her postdoc fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, Janie accepted her current position as a pediatric psychologist. Janie passed her national written national exam in June, and she passed Ohio's oral examination and received her license in August, 2002. Janie, Chris, and Zona are doing well.

April Leaveck, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, (1994). April is working for Scott County Community Mental Health Center. She has been at Scott County for seven years and is looking forward to supervising. April loves doing therapy as well, but tells us that she is "going to focus on supervising for now—I hope to help other therapist grow."

Darcey McEvoy, M.A. General Psychology, (1997) Darcey entered the Ph.D. program at the University of Detroit Mercy in 1998, with her internship scheduled for the summer of 2002, and is on track for a December 2002 graduation. While at Wayne State, Darcey performed rotations at the Northville State Inpatient facility, the Hawthorn Center for children, and the Wayne County Jail. She is currently engaged and planning a June 2004 wedding.

Ann (Malewitz) O'Donnell, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology (2000). Ann has started a private practice in Traverse City, specializing in work with children and adolescents. Ann and her husband Neil also had a baby girl last September. Their daughter is doing well and they are thoroughly enjoying her.

Lynn Nee, B.S. in Psychology (1994). Lynn received an MSW with a concentration in Administration from Michigan State University in 1997. She began working for the Family Independence Agency in Lansing in 1997 as a Governor's Management Intern, and is currently a Departmental Manager with the Program Development Unit of the Purchased Care Division.

Stephanie Repasky, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, (2000). Stephanie was hired at the New Orleans VAMC full-time, permanently. She is currently working part-time at the inpatient psychiatric unit and part-time at the PTSD unit. Stephanie wrote, "Part of my part-time PTSD work is devoted to working as a therapist and site coordinator for a VA Cooperative Studies Program grant entitled 'A randomized clinical trial of cognitive-behavioral treatment for PTSD in women.' This involves the Department of Defense, 11 VA's from across the country, and is a great opportunity!" Stephanie also recently passed the national licensing exam (took it in April, heard in May) and then sat for her state oral and written examinations in June and passed, so she is now licensed in Louisiana.

Jennifer Strole, B.A. in Psychology (1999). Jennifer worked until the summer of 2001 as a Residence Hall Director for Davenport University in Grand Rapids. She then accepted a full graduate assistantship in academic counseling to Northern Illinois University for the 2001-2002 school year. Jennifer is working towards an M.S. Ed in counseling and student development as well as a graduate certificate in career counseling. She will be completing her counseling studies at NIU during the 2002-2003 school year.

Ken Welch, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, (1996). Ken is currently the Clinical Director at a minimum security prison in Southern Indiana, and also has a private practice. Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy (Wiley) just published an extension of his theory of how EMDR works (Dr. Don Beere is second author). It is his second article published.

Karen VanDeusen, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, (1999). Since graduating, Karen has had three articles accepted for publication. One is in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 17 (6), 630-646, and two are in press: One will be in the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy* and the other will be in *Journal of Family Violence*. Karen has another article under review and has presented at a number of conferences. Congratulations. On a personal note, Karen has two daughters, Claire Marie, who is now 21 months old, and Halle Rose, who is seven and a half months old.

Our Newest Alumni

December 2002

Ph.D.s expected:

- Don Bannister (Clinical)
- Shibany “Preeya” Banerjee (Clinical)
- Laura Dreer (Clinical)
- Dmitry Erofeev (Industrial/Organizational)
- Angela Freymuth (Clinical)
- David Miller (Clinical)
- Staci Haines-Slamka (Clinical)
- Marie Van Tubbergen (Clinical)

Master’s degrees expected:

- Sheri Chaney (Industrial/Organizational)
- Koichi Kato (Experimental)
- Christie Nutkins (School)
- Barbara Pyzik (Experimental)
- Wendy VanVoorst (Clinical)

August 2002

- Michele Brown (School)
- Dirk DeBoer (School)
- Pamela Elbers (School)
- Timothy Gates (Experimental)
- Katherine Holmes (School)
- Diane Pallas (Clinical)
- Mary Beth Pray (Experimental)
- Theron Skidmore (Experimental)
- Michelle Verquer (Industrial/Organizational)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

If we missed mentioning any one that received their degree in August or December, sorry!! Please let us know so that we can include you in the Spring newsletter.

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Jennifer (Blad) Swanson (School graduate)
Examination of the Explicit Timing Intervention and the Interspersal Intervention with a Mixed Age Group of Children. Advisor: Dr. Katrina Rhymer.

Jennifer Butcher, Jannel Hemme, Heather Hernandez, & Kimberly Hunter (Clinical graduates)
Child-Focused Attributions and Parents’ Readiness to Change. Advisor: Dr. Larissa Niec.

Heather Cochran (Clinical graduate) *Effects of coping strategies on various types of sexual victimization.* Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Meadows.

Laura Dreer (Clinical graduate) *What is Matrix Reasoning of the WAIS-III Really Measuring?* Advisor: Dr. George Ronan.

Megan Dwyer (Undergraduate student) *No-fault Divorce Legislation and Reproductive Self-interests of Lawmakers.* Advisor: Dr. Stephen Colarelli.

Jannel Hemme (Clinical graduate)
Socioemotional Functioning and Fantasy Play in a Sample of Behavior-Disordered Children. Advisor: Dr. Larissa Niec.

Kimberley Pytlak (Clinical graduate)
Identifying patterns of somatization on a brief symptom checklist. Advisor: Dr. David Dush.

Jennifer Slezak (Clinical graduate)
Hypermasculine Beliefs: A Diathesis for Aggressive Personal Problem-Solving Strategies. Advisor: Dr. George Ronan.

Justin Yopp (Clinical graduate) *Relational Aggression in Children: Internal Representations, Empathy, and Emotional Understanding*. Advisor: Dr. Larissa Niec.

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