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From the Chair's Office

Last week, our colleague and friend, David Dush, lost his valiant battle with cancer. David was a wonderful person, who cared deeply about his students and his clients. He worked diligently to make our Psychology Training and Consultation Center a model of excellence, and he was successful in garnering significant grant money to this vital component of our educational program. David's commitment to the Center and to the Department was epitomized by his dedicated efforts to keep things running smoothly until the very end. Those of us who worked with David never heard a complaint from him, nor did he ever let his illness interfere with his commitments and responsibilities. In his quiet and unassuming way, David exemplified the type of spirit we all need in trying times. He was a model of resilience and persistence, and of dedication and commitment. We will sorely miss him.



Like many organizations, CMU is facing difficult financial times. The budget cuts have already started, and more are expected. Despite the fiscal hardships, the Psychology Department is committed to providing our undergraduate and graduate students with the best educational opportunities we can offer. As many of you realize, our Department is blessed with dedicated faculty members like David Dush, who have been willing to devote every effort possible to maintain the high standards we have established in our teaching, research, and service. I am confident that the productivity of this Department will continue to

grow, even during the impending budget crisis, simply because most of us refuse to give up the ideals that brought us to the Psychology Department at CMU. We are poised to take the next step, to gain a new level of respect and prominence that will bring pride to our alumni and friends. In short, we are determined to continue our quest for excellence with the same spirit of commitment and dedication that was exemplified so poignantly by our wonderful colleague, David Dush

-Gary Dunbar

Department News

- Congratulations to Reid and Brenda Skeel on the birth of their new daughter, Madeline Grace, on October 26th.
- Justin Oh-Lee, PhD, assistant professor of psychology and co-director of the Brain Research and Integrative Neuroscience Center at Central Michigan University, has received a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence Fellowship for 2003-2004 for his work in improving the lives of patients with Parkinson's disease. Oh-Lee plans to use the fellowship, which includes a \$21,000 grant, to continue his research on the debilitating side effects of levodopa, the only available treatment for Parkinson's disease. (*November 2003 APA Monitor featured Justin Oh-Lee by M. Greengrass on page 71 & 72.*) Congratulations, Justin!
- Gary Dunbar received the Lifetime Achievement Award from FUN (Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience) on November 10, 2003. Congratulations to Gary!

Awards and Recognition

Recipients for the following Fall 2003 awards:

Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation Award:

Nathan Brewster - MA in IO Psychology (Dec. 2002) *Stress between work and family: The six dimensions of work-family conflict* –Terry Beehr, chair, Steve Wagner & Carl Johnson, committee members.

Dmitry Erofeev - PhD in IO Psychology (Dec. 2002) *Personal, Organizational, and Environmental Factors as Predictors of Entrepreneurial Success Within A Franchising Company in the Personnel Service Industry* –Terry Beehr, chair, Steve Wagner & Gerald Ledlow, committee members.

Kelly Phipps – PhD in Clinical Psychology (Dec. 2003 expected graduation) *Evaluating an Empathy Based Model of Sexual Assault Prevention* – Elizabeth Meadows, chair, Steve Thompson & David Dush, committee members.

Graduate Student Research Grant:

Joe Dettmann (IO)
Jason Jent (Clinical)
Adam Johnson (IO)
George Montgomery (IO)
Lezlie Pickett (Clinical)
Nicholas Von Glahn (Experiment)

Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors Grant:

Nikki Hernandez – *Visual Exploration and Emotional Response in Individuals High in Openness to Experience.* Advisor – Dr. Stuart Quirk.

Steve Hough – *Determining the Mode of Cardiac Control for Verbal Working Memory.* Advisor – Dr. Richard Backs.

Joshua Scott – *Pupil Dilation as an Emotional Orienting Response in Depressed Individuals.* Advisor – Dr. Stuart Quirk.

Mark Thompson – *Determining the Mode of Cardiac Control for Spatial Working Memory.* Advisor – Dr. Richard Backs.

Dissertation Support Awards:

Jennifer Spranger (Clinical) *Nepotism as a predictor of justice in the family firm: A comparison of family member and non-family member perceptions.* Advisor – Dr. Steve Colarelli

Wendy VanVoorst (Clinical) *Examination of cognitive factors, personality, coping and decision making in the prediction of time to lapse and relapse in a sample of alcoholics.* Advisor – Dr. Reid Skeel

Shaina Wolcott-Burnam (IO) *Examining emotional labor from an interactionist perspective: The impact of work conditions on the relationship between emotional labor and outcomes.* Advisor – Dr. Steve Wagner

“Charlie” Chulguen Yang (IO) *Business start-up and staffing practices of Korean immigrant entrepreneurs.* Advisor – Dr. Steve Colarelli

CHSBS Paper Prize:

Graduate Award:

Jacob McClean, Experimental graduate student, was awarded the College of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences Graduate Student Paper Prize for his paper titled, *“Fate of bone marrow-derived stem cell transplants in aged-rodent model of Huntington’s Disease.”* Advisor – Dr. Gary Dunbar.

Undergraduate Award:

Emily Shaffer, undergraduate student, was awarded the College of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Student Paper Prize for her paper titled, *“Free Recall and the Serial Position Effect.”* Advisor – Dr. John Monahan.

Publications by Undergraduate students:

Elizabeth Oberlander, Psi Chi President, has had an article published in the August 2003 *APS Observer* and had a second article posted on their website.

Wilbert Wright Scholarship Award winners:

Jennifer Hinz
Brooke Naffziger
Mary Howe

Welcome New Faculty and Staff



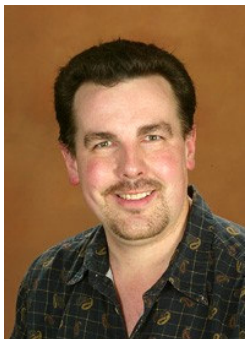
Michael Hixson joined the Psychology Department as an Assistant Professor in the School Psychology Program. Dr. Hixson received his Ph.D. from Western Michigan University in 1999. He has worked as a school psychologist and has taught courses for CMU.

Dr. Hixson's scholarship specializes in curriculum-based measurement, reading, direct instruction, precision teaching, applied behavioral analysis, behavioral development and includes four publications and a number of presentations in the field.



Mark Reilly joined the Psychology Department as an Assistant Professor of Behavioral Analysis. He received his Ph.D. from West Virginia University in 1996 and has held post-doctoral research fellowships at both Wayne State and the University of Michigan Medical Schools. Dr. Reilly has taught at Arizona State

University and Eastern Michigan University and has numerous publications in the areas of behavior analysis and behavioral pharmacology. His current research is supported by a \$250,000 grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse.



Michael Sandstrom joins the Psychology Department this spring as an assistant professor. He comes to CMU from Indiana University, Bloomington campus where he was a postdoctoral research scientist since receiving his Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Ohio State University in 1998. He's been investigating neuronal activity

within the dorsal striatum of freely moving rats modeling Parkinson's disease, and exploring a neuromodulatory role of *l*-ascorbate (vitamin C) using micro dialysis. His areas of specialty are neurophysiology and neurochemistry of the basal ganglia, sensorimotor development, and the use of animal models to investigate brain deteriorative diseases. His published articles

include investigations of age-dependent plasticity in expression of behavioral symptoms following dopamine system lesions, and glutamate receptor dependence of striatal neuron activity in freely moving rats. His current project involves the use of limb casts to force the use of compromised limbs in unilateral hemiparkinsonian rats, to elicit use-dependent plasticity and investigate correlated neuronal activity during a task used to assess behavioral asymmetry.



Stephanie Perkins joins the Psychology Department as the secretary in the main office. She is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a B.S. in Education. She taught fourth grade for three years in Big Rapids, until she moved back to Mt. Pleasant. In her spare time, she is involved in ministry at The Young Church.



Jackie Studer joined the Psychology Department this past summer. She is a Mt. Pleasant native and a graduate of CMU's Medical Technology Program. She worked in the Medical Technology field for 15 years before moving on to new things. Jackie comes to the Psychology Department from

the Multicultural Education Center and Native American Programs at CMU. She is married with two daughters. She enjoys reading, gardening, and flower arranging.

Welcome Back!!



Dr. Michael Kent will be rejoining the Psychology Department, beginning in the Spring 2004 semester, after serving as Associate Dean and Interim Dean for the College of Education and Human Services.

Welcome back, Dr. Kent!

Update from the Programs

Clinical – Dr. George Ronan

The weather in Central Michigan this fall has been rather mild. I find myself thinking that we might have a mild winter, but then I remember the impact of Bayes theorem and accept the fact that weather in Michigan is notoriously variable and the winters are cold. In contrast, variability within the clinical program remains quite low. The annual rush of thesis and dissertation proposal defenses has begun to subside. Fourth year students are applying for internship, third year students are preparing for qualifying examination, second year students are completing thesis requirements, and first year students are busy adjusting to a graduate student workload. I've listed the names and prior affiliations of students we admitted this year:



Sarah Deplonty, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Aaron Kaiser, Penn State University

Sangil Kwon, University of Missouri

Carrie Pilarski, Central Michigan University

Jenelle Shanley, University of Washington

Stacey Young, University of Missouri

The clinical faculty continues to be proud of the accomplishments of our students. Seven students are currently completing predoctoral internships:

Jannel Hemme, University of Florida, Gainesville FL

Corbin Irelan, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI

Jason Levinson, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX

Anna Muller, Mid Coast Psychology Internship Consortium, Fresno CA

Regan Murray, N. W. Ohio Consortium – Medical College of Ohio, Toledo OH

Dave Sitzler, Duke University Medical Center, Durham NC

Justin Yopp, Children's Hospital – Ohio State University, Columbus OH

Raphael Ziegler, Long Beach VA Healthcare System, Long Beach CA

The rate of student presentations and publications continues to rise, and four students are currently completing formal postdoctoral fellowships:

Laura Dreer, University of Alabama

Kim Hunter, Northwest Ohio Consortium

Kelly Phipps, University of Missouri – St. Louis

Marie VanTubbergen, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

The Psychological Training and Consultation Center moved to the new Health Professions Building on the 10th of December. Although the move made things a bit hectic, the new facilities enhance both clinical training and patient care. For instance, space and administrative changes allow us to provide a separate intake assessment for all clients who contact the PTCC. This change, along with advanced digital technology for taping sessions, affords all second year students advanced training in interviewing and diagnosis while eliminating our wait list for first time appointments. The continuation of the Graduate Psychology Education Program Grant for the 2003-2004 academic year has continued to fund opportunities for interdisciplinary training with psychiatry, physician assistants, physical therapy, and speech and language therapy. Small and large group rooms provide ample space for family and group treatments. These are just a few of the ways in which the move enhances the clinical training we provide to our students.

Unfortunately, not all of the news is positive. For those of you who did not know, David Dush, Director of the PTCC, had been battling esophageal cancer for the past couple of years. David passed away on November 20, 2003. He had been associated with the clinical program since the mid 1980s, which is longer than any current clinical faculty. His former clients I have spoken with viewed Dave as a gentle and compassionate psychologist. Students viewed Dave as knowledgeable, supportive and an incredibly productive role model. Colleagues viewed Dave as level headed and insightful. I often sought his counsel when dealing with sensitive clinical or administrative issues. Dave had a positive impact on the lives of people with whom he interacted. He will continue to be remembered and missed by many. The clinical program is developing a memorial in his honor and anyone interested in receiving additional information should contact me.

Your Help is Requested

The clinical program is in the process of writing a self-study for the APA site visit scheduled in 2005. Early in 2004 you will receive a survey that solicits your perceptions regarding the training you received at CMU. It is important that you take the time necessary to complete this survey (approximately 10 minutes) and return it to me in a timely manner. I know you are all aware of the potential bias that can result from a small survey return rate; therefore, we are going to strive for a 100% return rate this year. I need your help!

Alumni Updates

Several alumni have recently responded to my plea for updated information. Their responses are listed in the Alumni News. I encourage all of you to consider updating us on what you have been doing since you graduated from the program. Feel free to contact me using either surface mail (George Ronan, Department of Psychology, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859) or e-mail (ronan1gf@mail.cmich.edu).

With warm regards,
George Ronan

Experimental – Dr. Richard Backs



Very exciting things have been happening in the Experimental Program. We welcomed two new faculty, Dr. Mark Reilly in behavior analysis and Dr. Michael Sandstrom in neuroscience, and we are in the process of relocating the neuroscience laboratories to the new Health Professions building. Following the relocation of the neuroscience labs, the Rowe Hall laboratories will be renovated for Dr. Reilly's behavior analysis lab. We are also hard at work on an accelerated MS in General/Experimental Psychology degree program that will allow advanced undergraduates to complete their BS and MS degrees within five years.

As always, faculty and students have been very active and productive. For example, Dr. Bryan Gibson received a Research Professor award. Dr. Steve Colarelli's book, *No Best Way: An Evolutionary Perspective on Human Resource Management*, has recently been published, and numerous faculty publications with current and former students have come out. Drs. Rick Backs and Sonya Sheffert received a contract from General Motors Corporation to examine human interface issues associated with the introduction of automated telematic devices into future automobiles. I hope to be able to announce the award of other grant applications that are still pending in the next issue.

Finally, I want to recognize Dr. Joe Steinmetz (MA, 1979) for funding a scholarship for experimental master's students in honor of his parents. Many of you are aware of the difficult future faced by higher education in Michigan because of the poor state economy. Because of the declining state contribution to the budget of CMU, other sources of revenue like grants, contracts, and alumni giving become so much more important. Thank you, Dr. Steinmetz, and all of our other generous alumni for your gifts—they are much

appreciated. Information on how to make donations to support the Experimental Program can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

As always, I enjoy hearing from our alumni and encourage you to send information about your life after CMU to my email address backs1rw@cmich.edu.

Industrial/Organizational – Dr. Bryan Gibson



As the fall semester comes to a close, it's once again time to acknowledge the accomplishments of the I/O faculty and students. As is usually the case, the accomplishments of this talented group are numerous. Professionally, students and faculty have been successful in having their scholarship recognized. SIOP conference acceptances were recently received by the following program faculty, students, and recent graduates: Terry Beehr, Nathan Bowling, Missie Brittain, Gary Burns, Neil Christiansen, Joe Dettmann, Bryan Gibson, Doug Haaland, Gina Hechanova-Alampay, Jay Janovics, Jeff Labrador, Renee Rozek, and Steve Wagner (sorry if I missed anyone!). As SIOP is the flagship conference for I/O psychologists, this showing demonstrates the level of skill and dedication to the discipline that is common in our program. In addition to these conference presentations, faculty and students have also been successful in publishing their research. There are a number of in press and recently published articles by members of the I/O program, too many to note individually.

Other good news for our program was recently received when it was announced that Dmitry Erofeev won the Outstanding Dissertation Award and Nathan Brewster won the Outstanding Thesis Award. These are university wide awards, again highlighting the quality of work that is coming out of our program. Congratulations Dmitry and Nathan.

On a personal note, this will be my last contribution to the newsletter for a while. I will be on research professorship in the spring, and sabbatical next fall. While I am enjoying this time to focus on my research and writing, Steve Colarelli will be taking over as director of the I/O program. Should you have any issues to discuss regarding the program during 2004, please contact Steve.

Have a great holiday break, and a productive Spring Semester 2004.

School – Dr. Susan Jacob

This fall I once again assumed the role of Director of the School Psychology Programs. My predecessor, Dr. Bradley-Johnson, did a wonderful job directing the program. As many of you know, her leadership helped us achieve APA approval of our doctoral program.



We currently have a number of special projects underway. Dr. Michael Hixson, who joined us as a tenure-track assistant professor this fall, is offering a Learning Acceleration Clinic through the Psychology Training & Consultation Center. This clinic provides remedial education services to students from 5-15 years of age who are academically delayed in basic skills. Drs. Bradley-Johnson, Morgan, and Hixson have been doing training for school psychologists on use of a problem-solving model and DIBELS. They may be offering this training as a summer institute in 2004.

We continue to be proud of our student accomplishments. Two students, Nancy Salem-Hartshorne and Sherri Rozema, will receive their Ph.D. degrees this semester. Congratulations to both of you! We also are hearing good things about the professionalism and competence of our program graduates, and specialist and doctoral interns. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes to all of you. Please stay in touch.

Undergraduate – Dr. Debra Poole



The department is pleased to announce \$200 Wilbert Wright Awards for the 2003-2003 academic year to Jennifer Hinz, Brooke Naffziger, and Mary Howe. These awards, in honor of a former CMU faculty member, help first-generation college students purchase books or other academic supplies.

In a previous newsletter, we invited our alumni to share their answers to the question, “As I look back on my college years, I wish I had known...” We thought you would enjoy the following illustrative answer:

Myself! In other words, I wish I had waited a few years before enrolling in college. CMU offered a great psychology department; however, I was not mature

enough to take in everything it had to offer. For example, I was a teething baby trying to eat a porterhouse steak. I did complete a BS in 1987 and still felt like I failed because I did want to go to graduate school. I grew more interested in I/O and experimental psychology but just had no focus or direction.

I’m very happy for the Psy Dept. as you continue to grow and grow. I’m not surprised that it is one of the top undergraduate programs in the country and students from all over the country will want to pursue graduate study there. As Libkuman would say, “Press on!”

Haven’t many of us felt we would get more out of college today than we did yesterday? Thank you, Kevin, for your letter. We love receiving memories and reflections from our alumni.

News from Student Organizations

APSSC – American Psychological Society Student Caucus

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. We work toward achieving this goal by increasing the interaction between students and professors at our monthly socials and by giving students the information they need to get involved with 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 members, but also all psychology students about 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. Oh-Lee, our faculty advisor. In addition we would like to thank Dr. Monahan, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Bradley-Johnson, and Dr. Backs for hosting APSSC socials this semester.

IOPA - Industrial/Organizational Psychology Association

New this year for IOPA has been the implementation of brown bag lunches. The purpose of the brown bag lunches are to inform students about research and applied experiences. So far this year's presentations have included Drs. Stephen Wagner and Neil Christiansen presenting their research interests, and Nathan Brewster and Joseph Dettmann sharing their applied experiences with current graduate and undergraduate students. Also, on November 14, 2003, Scott Highhouse of Bowling Green State University visited CMU to present his research interests.

The IOPA website can be found at www.chsbs.cmich.edu/iopa.

Central Neuroscience Society

Central Neuroscience Society members have been meeting once a week to discuss possible speakers and other activities for the annual Brain Awareness Week, which will be held in the 2nd week of March 2004. We also read an article having to do with a neurological disorder (ex: Huntington's disease) and discuss it in detail. Many of the students in CNS are currently enrolled in PSY 385, 487, or 496 and are conducting research with mice and rats. Meeting times vary and are set according to the members' schedules. Next semester meetings will be held in the new Health Professions building.

Officers this year are as follows:

President-Taylor St. John
Vice Pres. and SGA rep.-Mike Morris
Secretary-Lisa Blumke
Treasurer-Dylan Freeland
Fundraising-Jennie Davie
Public relations/promotions-Rebecca Meyers

Psi Chi – The National Honor Society

Fall 2003 was another successful semester in many ways. Our activities included a Mock GRE, clash hash, a graduate student panel discussion night, and a fun ?Psychology Jeopardy! night. The chapter was especially active this semester in community service. We held a canned food drive for the Red Cross food pantry which was very successful. Members raked leaves for two elderly couples through the Commission on Aging and served food at the Mt. Pleasant Soup Kitchen. Additionally, members babysat for the Child and Family Enrichment Council each week while they held their parenting classes. Our final service activity for the semester was a drive to raise donations for the Christmas Outreach Program which supplies clothing and other necessities for needy families.

Our chapter supported the Psychology Department in various ways this semester, including helping with Advising Night and co-sponsoring the Psychology Graduating Senior Reception. Psi Chi also helps support the CMU chapter of the American Psychological Society Student Caucus.

Many of our programs depend on the support and involvement of Psychology faculty members. We would like to thank our advisors, Dr. and Mrs. Van Horn. We would also like to thank the Psychology Department for the support we have received this year and all the faculty members who have supported Psi Chi in various ways.

At the Induction Banquet held on December 4, the chapter inducted twenty new members, the largest number since Fall 2000. We would like to express our appreciation for the leadership provided by our Fall 2003 officers: Liz Oberlander, Marissa Smith, Erin O'Connor, Emily Shaffer, Kurt Meier, Lindsey Fish, Renee Rocca, Angie Hatfield, Jenny Nerbonne, and Missy Prusinski.

SASP

As in years past, fall has proven to be a busy season for all of our SASP members. We have spent time getting to know the mission, positions and services of the Michigan Association of School Psychologists, and members of SASP have been encouraged to join this state-wide organization, which represents professionals in our field. SASP obtained funds through the university to support students' attendance to the 2003 MASP conference. Members, who attended the conference in Grand Rapids, were afforded the opportunity to attain valuable information regarding changes in education legislation, research-based interventions used in schools, new assessment options, working with diverse populations, and the use of positive behavior support strategies, among others. SASP is proud to recognize Gokce Durmusoglu and Jennifer Swanson, who presented at the conference along with Dr. Sharon Bradley-Johnson and Dr. Carl Johnson.

Attending the MASP conference was a great experience, and many members of SASP are looking forward to attending the annual NASP conference, which will be held in Dallas, Texas in 2004. SASP will pursue funding for those students interested in attending and will enthusiastically support Jill Mosack, who will be presenting at this conference.

Finally, SASP would like to acknowledge the officers and faculty advisors for this year: Erica Roggenbuck (President), Sandy Klar (Vice-President), Tina Grialou (Treasurer), Amy Jackson (Secretary), Mike Hixson (advisor) and Sandy Morgan (advisor). Thanks to all members for their help and hard work this fall semester!

Alumni News

Paul Anderson, PhD in School Psychology, (May 1998), and his wife have a 3 year old daughter Olivia. He passed his national exam in October of 2000 and has also been employed part-time at Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan for the past 2 1/2 years. Paul has continued to work as a research and development consultant in the Psychological/Educational Publishing Industry for the past 5 years. Paul would love to hear from any past Psychology graduate students via e-mail: panderson@bloomfield.org.

Nathan Cooper, PsyD in Clinical Psychology (Dec. 2001), lives in Hamilton, Ontario with Carmen, Aiden (3) and Sam (18 mos). He has completed one year of supervised practice, exams, and is now licensed. He is currently considering employment in private practice or at a university.

Diane Gartland, PsyD in Clinical Psychology, (Aug. 1993) has been with the Michigan Department of Corrections for the past nine years. Currently, Diane is the Chief Psychologist for the Reception and Guidance Center in Jackson where approximately 15,000 men transit into the prison system each year.

She and the Reception Center staff are responsible for ensuring that the inmates are properly evaluated on intake and referred for further mental health services, if necessary. The staff of ten psychologists and four administrative personnel, renders crisis intervention and psychological services for acute and chronic medical patients as well. Dr. Gartland has a small private practice in Farmington Hills. In her "spare" time, Dr. Gartland is an essayist 2002, *Liberation Disclosure: A Psychoanalysis of Prison Captivity*, *the Psychoanalytic Review*, 89(6), 877-888; 2000, *On Violence, Development and Culture*, *Journal for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society*, 5(2), 325-329; and enjoys cycling, working out, Shakespearean theater and opera. Dr. Gartland offers a cheery hello to all former teachers and fellow alumni and invites contact at psychdocdg@aol.com.



Camden Haaland

Proud parents are **Stephanie (Morlan)**, PhD in IO (May 2002) & **Doug Haaland**, PhD in IO (Dec. 1999).

Stephanie is now an assistant professor at Linfield College-Department of Business in McMinnville, Oregon. **Doug** is still working for DDI with an office out of Portland.

Judith Higbee BS in Psychology (1969) is a Certified Medical Transcriptionist, work as quality assurance editor for national transcription service, and is the treasurer of Greater Miami Chapter of American Association for Medical Transcription.

Svetland Ivanitskaya, PhD in IO Psychology (Dec. 1999) and **Dmitry Erofeev**, PhD in IO Psychology (Dec. 2002). **Lana** is professor in the College of Health Professions here at CMU. **Dmitry** is working as an independent personnel consultant for several clients, designing selection and performance evaluation systems for different organizational levels. He is also a temporary faculty member at CEL. He has recently bought a franchise from Express Personnel Services, and will be serving the Mid-Michigan area, with an office located in Midland.



Sydney Lange

Stacey (Confer) Lange, IO PhD student. Proud parents are Stacey and Rick. Stacey is finishing up her comps and hopes to be on campus in January to complete them. Stacie just changed jobs and is currently working for the Personnel Board of Jefferson County in the Examination Division in Birmingham, Alabama.

David Lux, PhD in IO Psychology (Dec. 1996) and his wife, Dee have Adam (almost 3) and are expecting their second child in February 2004. David is still with BellSouth, just at a different location.

James P. Mullin, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology (Dec. 1999), completed a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship in 2002 at Shepherd Center/Emory University in Atlanta, and has been fully licensed since 2001. For the past year he has been the staff Neuropsychologist at The Rehabilitation Institute at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA. He and his wife, Kristen, have a 3-year-old daughter, Mackenzie.

Emily Nisley, BS in Psychology (May 1998) is expecting to receive her Master's degree in Counseling & Special Education in December 2003 from CMU.

Laura Ann Preston, IO PhD student has accepted a position with Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina as a Process Improvement Consultant for Executive Education and Development. Laura Ann started her new position in September.

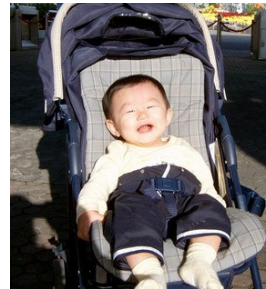
Babette Raabe MA in IO Psychology (May 1998) is still in Munich. Babette just had an article published in *JOB*, March 2003 with Dr. Terry Beehr.

Mahesh Subramony, PhD in IO Psychology (Aug. 1999) and **Ritu (Kohli)** (School student) are now living in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and are expecting their first child anytime. Mahesh is an assistant professor in the Psychology department.

Susannah Szeidel, B.S. in Psychology (Dec. 1998) received her Master of Science degree in Physical Therapy from CMU in August 2001. Susannah is currently employed by Michigan Spine Care in Flint, Michigan.

May (Motlagh) Throne, MS in Experimental psychology (Dec. 1994) recently has an article "A Military Training Mission" published in *American Psychological Society*, October, 2003, (16), page 10.

David Topor, PhD in IO Psychology (Dec. 2000) and his wife are expecting their first addition in April 2004. David has recently changed jobs and he is now the Director of the Leadership Institute at Cuyahoga Community College.



Tim Yang

Proud parents are **Charlie Yang**, IO PhD student, and Eunyoung.

Charlie is working on finishing up his dissertation.



Jason Yang

"Joe" Pengwei Yang, MS in Experimental Psychology, (Aug. 2001) and his wife, had a new addition to their family in April 2003. His name is Jason. Joe is a student at the University of Michigan.

If you would like to add or update any information for the Alumni News for the spring newsletter, please email Barb Houghton at barb.houghton@mich.edu.

Alumni Funded Presentations

Alumni funded Undergraduate and Graduate Student Conference Presentations – 2003

- Ahmed, Syed.** *Overexpression of Neurotrophin Receptor P75 Contributes to the Chronic NMDA-induced Spatial Memory Deficit and Forebrain Neuronal Death in Mice.* (Dr. Justin Oh-Lee)
- Borynski, Michele.** *Accepting the unacceptable: Supervisor and supervisee perspectives on starting on ACT tradition.* (Dr. Tamara Penix Sbraga)
- Butcher, Jennifer.** *Child disruptive behavior and creativity: The role of affect regulation.* (Dr. Larissa Niec)
- Butcher, Jennifer.** *Assessing the efficacy of treatment targeting disgust and fear blood and injection phobia.* (Dr. Elizabeth Meadows)
- Fischer, Michelle.** *Buddhism & Psychotherapy.* (Dr. Larissa Niec)
- Murray, Regan.** *Mindfulness meditation and sexual self-control: Theory and intervention.* (Dr. Tamara Penix Sbraga)
- Roat, Erick.** *Ratings of oddness and hostility predict aspects of emotional response in psychosis prone individuals.* (Dr. Stuart Quirk)
- Schofield, Christina.** *Violence Reduction Training: Comparing participants who evince clinically significant change with those who fail to change.* (Dr. George Ronan)
- Slezak, Jennifer.** *Scoring social problem solving training homework: An objective scoring system.* (Dr. George Ronan)
- Symington, Todd.** *The hosts mentoring program: Evaluating effectiveness for improving the reading skills of an at-risk population.* (Matthew Burns)
- Wessell, Ryan.** *Effects of CP-101, 606 on levodopa - induced motor response symptoms in 6-OHDA hemiparkinsonian rats.* (Dr. Justin Oh-Lee)
- Wetzel, Jacob.** *Cardiovascular reactivity to visual illusions.* (Dr. Richard Backs)

Scott Highhouse visited CMU on November 14th, 2003, to share his research interests, *Understanding Images of Corporations*, with students in IOPA.

Alumni Contributors

Mrs. Kathleen Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Blouin*
Ms. Sara Bobenmoyer
Reverend & Mrs. Merritt Bongard
Mrs. Kelly Bost
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Byers
Mr. Paul Callaghan
Ms. Julia Daniels*
Dr. Alexander Daniv*
Dr. Harvey Dulberg*
Dr. Cecil Duncan
Mr. Glenn Eaton, III
Mrs. Sherry Friedlander
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gandee
Miss Sally Johnson
Dr. Gloria & Mr. David Jones
Ms. Holly Nichols*
Mrs. Maxine Kent*
Dr. Leopold Konczak*
Ms. Marnie Korfmacher
Mr. Eugene Mlot
Mr. Charles Moore*
Mr. Stanley Mulka*
Mr. Drew Nagele*
Mr. John Napley
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**Applied to receive their degrees in
December 2003:**

PhD

- Barbara Halazon (Clinical)
- Nancy Hartshorne (School)
- Eric Ozkan (Clinical)
- Kelly Phipps (Clinical)
- Sheryl "Sherri" Rozema (School)

Specialist

- Lisa Langell (School)
- Marsha (Harder) Shields (School)
- Jennifer Surato (School)

Master's

- Angeliq DePuy (IO)
- Joseph Dettmann (IO)
- Derek Gager (Experimental)
- Bryan Jones (Experimental)
- Lisa Langell (School)
- Marsha (Harder) Shields (School)
- Jennifer Slezak (Clinical)
- Jennifer Surato (School)

August 2003 graduation:

PhD

- Larissa Linton (IO)

Master's

- Ann Kwak (IO)
- Christian Schutte (Clinical)
- Aleta (Niemic) Stiner (School)

These students were left out of our Spring Newsletter, but they have since received their degree.

May 2003 graduation:

Specialist

- Rikkii Clement (School)

Master's

- Nathan Bowling (IO)
- Rikkii Clement (School)
- Janet Wells (Clinical)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

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

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Central Michigan University's Department of Psychology relies on the generosity of our alumni and friends to raise funds to enhance student education. If you

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