



SASP NEWS

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Greetings from the Director,

I hope that this newsletter finds you happy and well! I am happy to report that that our program has not only survived during these difficult times, we continue to flourish. We are very fortunate to have such strong faculty, students, and alumni to help us navigate the difficult economic times our state faces.

This has been another very busy and interesting year. We had a successful spring recruiting new students, which has led to a rather busy fall. We accepted our largest class of Ph.D. students ever. We have nine first year Ph.D. students, and two specialist students. Clearly, this means we will be in need of practicum supervisors—as always let me know if you are interested!

In an effort to streamline communication, we have looked to Facebook. Please see information in this newsletter about our group. I am hopeful that this will become a format for sharing and updating information to help all of us do our jobs better, as well as offer support, encouragement, or a good laugh to help us get through some of the tougher days!

Given that NASP is in Chicago this year, I am hoping that we will have the opportunity to see many of you at the conference. I am trying to organize a CMU gathering—please contact me if you plan to be at the conference. Many of you received letters from our department chair (Dr. Otani) discussing the alumni fund and the importance of supporting our student travel. I thank those of you who have responded. We will continue to prioritize funding students attending

professional conferences—but as all of your likely know, budgets are getting tight!

On the personal side, life has also been busy. I am now the parent of a teenager—unbelievable! Ben turned 13 and Jack is 10. They keep me very busy—between homework, basketball, golf, and friends, it feels like we are constantly moving. Vic and I learned the old-fashioned way that building can be very difficult. I am VERY happy that we survived and have completed working on our small “escape” place up north. We look forward to spending some quiet time—relaxing, reading, writing, and playing ping-pong there over the semester break!

[Sandy Morgan](#), Director, School Psychology Program, morga1sk@cmich.edu

Holiday Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you finishing up a productive and enjoyable fall semester.

As you know all too well, with the current state of Michigan’s economy, there are many cuts to budgets everywhere. Thus, although the Central Assessment Lending Library (CALL) is funded through this academic year, it will not be funded next year. I am going to try to keep it going for one day a week myself (day to be announced later). We have set up a gift cost center account for CALL should anyone want to donate to the project. We added a number of new instructional materials, as well as new tests and new editions of tests. Please visit our website www.chsbs.cmich.edu/psychology/CALL for a list and brief description of materials. If you are looking for something that is not on the list, contact us. We do not add materials to the website until we have completed a written review of the material. Consequently, we may have what you are looking for, although the review will follow later. Also, if we

do not have the material you are interested in, if it seems appropriate for CALL, we may be able to order it. So email, call, or better yet stop by to let us know how we can be of help. This year, we are fortunate to have three doctoral students working on the project. The Senior Research Assistant is Rachel (Mack) Knight, and Danny Drevon and Andrew Cook are assisting also.

On a personal note, we enjoyed our house in Ludington this summer, and are enjoying the colors in the woods in Mt. Pleasant this fall. The Ludington house is still a work in progress; we will finish up this spring. Carl will be on sabbatical spring semester; his project is to evaluate procedures to help children with sleep disorders who are autistic. Jason, Bridget, and our grandchildren (ranging in age from 3 to 11) are all doing well.

We wish you a peaceful and healthy holiday season and hope to see many of you in Chicago at NASP.

[Sharon Bradley-Johnson](#), Admissions Coordinator, johns1sb@cmich.edu

Happy Holidays Alumni,

I hope that 2009 has been good for you. We here at CMU are so very appreciative of the work all of you do. We hear so many comments from those who have come to know you about the high quality of your services. We are very proud of you.

The year has been good to me. Last spring, I was honored to have received the CMU President's Award for Outstanding Research. This is a reward I never expected to qualify for. But with the support of many of you as GA's and advisees, the research, particularly on CHARGE syndrome kept getting published. So again, I thank you for your support while students in the program.

I am on sabbatical this fall. The focus was to be on the neurodevelopment of CHARGE syndrome, but it has morphed to more of a focus on self-regulation and regulatory disorders. My friend and colleague from Norway, neuropsychologist Jude Nicholas, and I have been working on a model of how the genetic, anatomical, and sensory differences in CHARGE affect cognitive, behavioral, affective, and physiological domains that require self-regulation. We believe that this may lead to a much better understanding of the behavioral challenges we see in CHARGE.

Of course I have been traveling. In October, Kasee Stratton and I presented at a one day seminar on pain in CHARGE held in the really beautiful town of Middelfart, Denmark (yes, an unfortunate name). Before that, I had a poster at the conference of the Society for the Study of Behavioral Phenotypes in Cambridge, England. Prior to that, I was in Bergen, Norway, with Jude and his family, and did a one-day training on CHARGE. There have been other trips during the year, but this was certainly the highlight.

Best wishes to all of you for another successful year, and please do stay in touch with us.

**[Tim Hartshorne](#), SASP Advisor
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Greetings,

Emma started Kindergarten this year, so I am having more direct school involvement than I have had in a number of years. I hope the economic challenges schools are facing are not having too harmful an impact on you, your colleagues, and the students you work with. Hopefully, your schools have data to indicate what things are working so those programs can be saved. DIBELS data at some schools, for example, have shown the positive impact certain programs (such as full day Kindergarten) have had on students, which should help in maintaining these programs. We will have a lot of students to place at practicum sites next year, so please contact me if you are interested in supervising.

If you missed NASP, Donald Meichenbaum gave a very informative and entertaining keynote presentation on the nature and development of aggressive behavior and its implications for school psychologists. You can get this keynote and others at the NASP website on a CD and check out www.melissainstitute.org, which contains a lot of useful information on preventing and treating aggressive behavior (Meichenbaum is a director of the Melissa Institute). There is another CBM website that I have been playing around with that you might want to check out—EasyCBM.com. The materials are free and include measures for early literacy, oral reading, reading comprehension, and mathematics. Best wishes to you all.

[Michael Hixson](#), Practicum Coordinator & NASP Liaison, hixso1md@cmich.edu

Seasons greetings to current and former school psychology students and spouses and partners and friends,

This semester I have been working on the sixth edition of *Ethics and Law for School Psychologists*. Dr. Dawn Decker, who has a Ph.D. in school psychology and is a faculty member in CMU's Department of Counseling and Special Education, has joined me as the second author of the book. Tim Hartshorne will continue as third author. Dr. Decker's area of expertise is IDEA. I very much welcome her contributions to the sixth edition of the book.

Dr. Katrina Rhymer assumed the role of Director of the Center for Research, Training, and Consultation on GLBTQ Youth Issues last fall, but I continue to be involved in the research initiatives that we have underway. I also continue to serve as co-chair of NASP's Ethics and Professional Standards Committee and on the writing team for the 2010 NASP *Principles for Professional Ethics*.

As many of you know, my son, Andy, died in May. The grief and sadness of losing him will always be with me. I thank all of you (faculty, current and past students) for your cards and kind words of support during a difficult time, and for your memorial contributions to the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan and the Humane Animal Treatment Society of Mt. Pleasant.

My canine companions, Maggy Louise Farfol (yellow lab) and her dog Erskine "Spike" Veronous (min pin), are doing well. Have a safe and happy holiday. I hope to see you at NASP in Chicago.

[Susan Jacob](mailto:jacob1s@cmich.edu)
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Happy New Year,

You may remember that Susan Jacob was instrumental in creating the Center for Research, Training, and Consultation on GLBTQ Youth Issues (www.glbtcntral.cmich.edu). Well, she passed the job of 'director' down to me and I hope to be able to continue the fantastic work she has done. We need your help! Spread the word that we are available to do presentations regarding gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered issues. Associated with the Center is a youth group for area teens to find safe and caring adults and peers. We are a resource center, so if you have a teen that needs a youth

group but do not know the closest resources – let us help.

Given that NASP is in Chicago this year, we have a large group of faculty and students attending. Send us an email if you are attending also and maybe we can coordinate a dinner for CMU folks. Susan Jacob and I have been 'in-training' this summer so that we can cycle from Mt. Pleasant to Chicago; however, we continue to hit a detour at the tavern in Riverdale due to cold beverages and frog legs. But, no matter how we get to Chicago – we hope to see you there!

[Katrina Rhymer](mailto:rhyme1kn@cmich.edu), Doctoral Internship Coordinator
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2009 Theses/Dissertations

DiGiorgio-Rocca, Renee, M.A.

Circadian rhythm management to treat sleep problems in preschoolers

Durmusoglu, Gokce, Ph.D.

Item analysis and reliability of the cognitive abilities scale-second edition: Turkish version

Reynolds, Jennifer L., M.A.

The effects of curriculum steps versus traditional teaching on the acquisition and retention of basic mathematics facts

Kaiser, Laura V., S.Psy.S.

Improving writing skills: explicit timing for writing

2009 Ph.D. Graduate

Gokce Durmusoglu

2009 MA/S.Psy.S. Graduates

Rebecca Bunn
Renee Rocca-DiGiorgio

2009 MA Graduates

Sara Doty
Jennifer (Wilson) Reynolds

Welcome Incoming Class Fall 2009

Allard	Lynn	University of Michigan
Barrett	Abbie	Michigan State University
Brogren	John	Central Michigan University
Cook	Andrew	Central Michigan University
Harke	Maureen	Central Michigan University
Kuhn	Robin	Alfred University
Rames	Jessica	Central Michigan University
Ramirez	Maria	Franciscan University
Sevecke	Jessica	The College of New Jersey
Taraski	Lauren	Central Michigan University
Weber	Valerie	University of Michigan

2009-10 Internship Placements

Deveruex Foundation Day School, Villanova, Pennsylvania

University of Illinois, Division of Rehabilitation Education/Rural Champaign County, Special Education Cooperative

Munroe-Meyer Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska

Practicum Assignments

Renee Bancroft, Gratiot Isabella ISD, Wade Metcalf

Jessica Bellmore, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Jerry Longnecker

Megan McNally, Gratiot Isabella ISD, Jonnie Taton

Jennifer Felber, Saginaw Public Schools, Rick Shanahan

Megan Kleinheksel, Midland Public Schools, Shelly Hart

Rachel Jones, Fraser School District, Jane Sturgell

Josh Hook & Paula Louchart, Midland Public Schools, Dirk Deboer

Presentation Awards

Christine Abbuhl
Dan Drevon
Kristi Knop
Kasee Stratton

News



NASP 2010 Annual Convention
March 2-6, 2010
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, IL

President's Award: Dr. Tim Hartshorne

Tim Hartshorne is an international leader in research on CHARGE syndrome, which is the leading cause of congenital deaf-blindness. His work has been featured in numerous publications, and his presentations around the world have created awareness among the medical, psychological and educational communities about the complications of CHARGE. Hartshorne also is a past recipient of the Excellence in Teaching and Faculty Distinguished Service awards from CMU, making him only the second person to receive all three awards.

In the interest of hearing from former students - here is my story. I worked in Holly for 22 years as a school psychologist until they decided to eliminate their psychologists in a cost-cutting move. I retired in 2007 and did not work the next year. In the fall of 2008, I started my own business (Martell-Schnaar Services, Inc.) and contract with Brandon School District as their part-time school psychologist. I am really enjoying learning new things in a new district and meeting new people. So it seems to have been the best thing for me to be forced to retire! Brandon is really working on instituting RtI and training the staff on working with Autistic students.

Julie Martell-Schnaar Graduated in 1985

Shari and her husband (Isreal) had a baby girl on April 24th, 2009. They named her Lauren Mackenzie O'Boyle.

Shari (Clark) O'Boyle Graduated in 2006

We just adopted a 1-year-old baby girl from China in July. Her name is Eliana Huayan Elbers and is welcomed home by big brothers, Brandon, Trevor and Troy.

We also have began a foundation called Impact Hope that is being used to benefit children with life threatening illness, adoptions, sports programs in 3rd world countries, scholarships, and short term missions.

I continue to work as a school psychologist for Saginaw Public Schools, specializing in early childhood and working in Project Find.

**Dr. Pamela Elbers
Graduated in 2002**

I am currently working at the Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children (located in Vancouver, Canada). Sunny Hill provides specialized health services to children and youth throughout British Columbia. As of August 2009, I am a licensed psychologist in British Columbia.

**Dr. Sandy Klar
Graduated in 2006**

My wife and I traveled through Australia, Indonesia, and Eastern Europe. Our journey took 94 days and we traveled through three continents. You can find them on You Tube. Each video is a three to six minute slide show with background music. I retired from Michigan as a school psychologist in 2004. My wife and I are presently working for Pasco County Schools in Florida.

Doug Grossa MA '70 and Specialist in School Psychology '74

I am now working at DeKalb, Illinois schools as a School Psychologist. My husband Mahesh Subramony (a graduate of the I/O Psych) is with Northern Illinois University's management department. Vani, our one and only kiddo is a first grader this year.

**Dr. Ritu (Kohli) Subramony
Graduated in 2006**

Gokce and Sedar Durmusoglu welcomed their daughter Yaprak (Her name means autumn leaf.), on October 16th at 9:21 am. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces.



**Dr. Gokce Durmusoglu
Graduated in 2009**

This summer the three school psychologists from the Ottawa Intermediate School District wrote a proposal to research the new SLD guidelines which included an understanding of the PSW models and review of decision making rules for Rtl. Trisha Simpson, Pat Sorelle, and Tanya Uganski spent approximately three to four weeks reviewing the federal and state rules, information from other states as well as other Michigan ISD's. The products included a flow chart with decision making rules for rti, a student data and intervention form, PSW charts and information on the different PSW models, and a new Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team Report for Specific Learning Disabilities. This information was shared with the MAASE group and the OAISD Psychologists.

**Tanya (Miller) Uganski
Graduated in 1987**

MASP Leadership: Rob Teeple is President Elect and Paul Robb is past President. Tanya Uganski and Theresa Allen are Regional Representatives. Gerry Longnecker is the Chair of MASP Publications.

**Paul Robb
Graduated in 1988**

Nancy and Nick Jaskiw have a granddaughter, Elliott Marie, born in August to their daughter Nichole and her husband Joe Weakley. Nichole is completing a school psychology doctoral program.

**Nick Jaskiw
Graduated in 1993**

2009 Publications

- Swanson, J.R., Bradley-Johnson, S., Johnson, C. M., & O'Dell, A. R. (2009). The Cognitive Abilities Scale-Second Edition Preschool Form: Studies of concurrent criterion-related, construct, and predictive criterion-related validity. *Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment, 27*, 46-56.
- Hixson, M. D., Reynolds, J. L., Bradley-Johnson, S., & Johnson, C. M. (2009 or 2010). Cumulative-hierarchical learning and behavioral cusps. In Mulick, J. A. & Mayville, E. A. (Eds.) *Behavioral Foundations of Effective Autism Treatment*. Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY: Sloan Publishing.
- Jacob, S. (2009). Putting it all together: Implications for school psychologists. Invited commentary. *School Psychology Review, 38*, 239-243.
- Jacob, S. & Powers, K.E. (2009). Privileged communication in the school psychologist-client relationship. *Psychology in the Schools, 46*, 307-318.

Workshops

- Armistead, L., Jacob, S., & Williams, B.B. (2009). Ethical principles for school psychologists: A problem-solving approach. Invited workshop, National Association of School Psychologists, February, Boston.

2009 Presentations

- Bradley-Johnson, S., & Johnson, C.M. Cognitive Test Items for the Youngest Children: Predictive, Instructionally Useful, or Unimportant? Michigan Association of School Psychologists Conference, Bay City, MI, October, 2009.
- Hartshorne, T. S. "Seminar on CHARGE Syndrome." October, 2009. Bergen, Norway.
- Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Parenting children with deafblindness. Canadian Deafblind Association, Ontario Chapter, 10th Annual Family Conference, Collingwood, Ontario, Canada.

- Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). CHARGE 201. The Spirit of Intervenors, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.
- Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Behavior as communication. The Spirit of Intervenors, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.
- Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Pain and behavior in CHARGE syndrome. Nordic Theme Day on Pain and CHARGE Syndrome, Middelfart, Denmark.
- Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Parenting children with CHARGE syndrome: Perils & promise. 9th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Hartshorne, T. S., & Stratton, K. K. (2009). Prevalence of genetic testing in CHARGE syndrome. 1st CHARGE Syndrome Conference for Professionals, Chicago, IL, ALSO Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes, Cambridge, England.
- Stratton, K. K., & Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Identification of pain in CHARGE syndrome. 1st CHARGE Syndrome Conference for Professionals, Chicago, IL.
- Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Update on the CHARGE behavioral phenotype. 1st CHARGE Syndrome Conference for Professionals, Chicago, IL.
- Hartshorne, T. S., Sperry, L., Morassutti, J., & Mays, M. (2009). Conflicting Views of Confidentiality: Implications for Speaking and Writing About Clients. North American Society of Adlerian Psychology, Tucson, AZ.
- Vladescu, J., Knop, K., & Hixson, M.D. (2009). Types of Prompts and Their Instructional Implications for Errorless Teaching Practices. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis International. Phoenix, AZ. [May, 2009]

Knop, K., Vladescu, J., & Hixson, M.D. (2009). Types of Prompts and Their Instructional Implications for Errorless Teaching Practices. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan. [February 20, 2009]

Doty, S.J., Hixson, M.D., & Reynolds, J.L. (2009). Assessing advanced phonics skills. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists. [February, 2009]

Drevon, D.D., & Hixson, M.D. (2009). Implementing habit reversal through parent consultation. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists. [February, 2009]

Reynolds, J.L. & Hixson, M.D. (2009). Behavioral cusps in children with autism. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists. [February, 2009]

Drevon, D. D., Jacob, S., & Almazan, E. P. (2010). The effects of mentorship on lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth. Poster will be presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.

Jacob, S. (2009). Ethics update: Continuing challenges, emerging issues, and future directions. Featured speaker invited address to the National Association of School Psychologists Convention, February, Boston.

Articles

Hartshorne, J. K., Salem-Hartshorne, N., & Hartshorne, T. S. (2009). Birth order effects in the formation of long-term relationships. *Journal of Individual Psychology*, 65, 156-176.



Blake, K.D., MacCuspie, J., Hartshorne, T. S., Roy, M., Davenport, S. L. H., & Corsten, G. (2009). Postoperative airway events of individuals with CHARGE syndrome. *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, 73, 219-226.

Hartshorne, T. S., Heussler, H. S., Dailor, A. N., Williams, G. L., Papadopoulos, D., and Brandt, K. K. (2009). Sleep Disturbances in CHARGE Syndrome: Types and Relationships with Behaviour and Caregiver Well-Being. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 51, 143-150.



Centers

CALL

<http://www.chsbs.cmich.edu/Psychology/call/>

Center for Research, Training, and Consultation on GLBTQ Youth Issues

<http://glbtcentral.cmich.edu/>

DB Central

<http://www.chsbs.cmich.edu/DBCentral/>

SASP News

Greetings alumni, faculty, and students! We hope this newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy. We have had a wonderful start to our year. In April, SASP elected new officers. Congratulations and a very special thank you to this hard-working team: Vice-President, Jennifer Felber, Treasurer, Megan Kleinhessel, Secretary, Renee Bancroft. SASP would also like to thank our previous E-Board for their support!

In September, we kicked off the school year with a welcome back picnic, welcoming in 11 first year students at Island Park in Mount Pleasant. This group of students has created quite the bond, establishing friendships and a strong support system.

Volunteer projects have kept us busy this fall. With the success of our SASP food drive last year, we decided to repeat it again this year. Once again, we challenged the other psychology programs to a competition to see which program could donate the most canned goods. In all

everyone collected 686 items, which surpassed our amount from last year. All donations went to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen the last full week of November. In addition to the food drive, SASP continues to partner with DeafBlind Central during this holiday season in adopting another family in Michigan.

Did you notice CMU's SASP was mentioned in the Communiqué? We were mentioned for our efforts in raising awareness about school psychology during School Psychology Awareness Week last year. This year SASP spoke to several undergraduate courses about school psychology, created and distributed a flyer to future teachers at CMU, and created a bulletin board for informational sheets in Sloan Hall. A special thank you goes to Christine Abbuhl for her help in organizing this year's awareness week.

Several of our students have made presentations this year. Christine Abbuhl, Camille Brand-Henderson, Danny Drevon, and Kristi Knop will be presenting at NASP. I just returned from presenting in Denmark with Dr. Tim Hartshorne at a pain symposium for CHARGE Syndrome.

Our students are very active in research and it is great they can disseminate this information! Speaking of disseminating information, should you have any special cases or research that we could use to continue to add to our tool boxes, we would love to hear about it. This would be excellent material to present at our monthly meetings. Email Kasee at strat1kk@cmich.edu. Have a safe and happy new year!

**Kasee Stratton, President
Student Affiliates in School Psychology
Third Year Doctoral Student**

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CMU School Psychology



We're getting greener and greener!

If you received a copy in the mail, then we do not have your email address. Please take a moment and drop Kay Purtill (purti1k@cmich.edu) an email, so she can add you to the email list. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

SASP hosted our second annual food drive for our local soup kitchen. We had a friendly competition with the other Psychology Student Organizations and Psychology Department Staff to see who could collect the most food items. In all everyone collected 686 items, which surpassed our amount from last year. Way to go everyone!



Pictured in this photo are SASP members Abbie Barrett, Jessica Sevecke, and Danny Drevon.

**In memory of
Andrew Alan Neal**

June 27, 1982-May 23, 2009

Andrew Alan Neal, 26, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009, at his home.

Andrew was born June 27, 1982, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Stanley Neal and Susan Jacob. He graduated from H. H. Dow High School in Midland in 2000. He received a BA in Spanish and International Relations from Michigan State University in 2004, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami Law School in 2007. Andrew particularly loved the year he spent studying Spanish at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras.

Survivors include his parents; his Aunt Amy and Uncle Jim Hetzler and cousins Lucy and Mike Hetzler; his Aunt Jane and Uncle Bill White and cousins Peyton and Peter White; his Aunt Gail Neal and cousin Dionne Neal; and his two canine pals, Maggy and Spike.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan or the Humane Animal Treatment Society of Mt. Pleasant.

Andy brought much joy and laughter to others and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.