

Happenings in Psychology

Newsletter of the Department of Psychology

Fall 2009

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Majors Graduating after the Spring 2009 semester . . .

Sally Acors
Heather Blackwood
Shawn Bolden
Melanie Brown
Katie Duncan
Sara Evans
Laura Faulkner
Heather Gibson
Krysten Heath
Katherine Heiberger
Stephanie Hill
David Hoffman
Zach Hollis
Tiffany Ingold
Allison Jeffery
Kendra Johnson
Matt Long
Emily Lynn
Rachael Martin
Bob McMahon
Lindsey Morris
Alea Newman
Geoffrey Osborne
Sarah Radzom
Molly Rafferty
Jennifer Rogers
LeeAnn Spurzem
Todd Stonnell
Jennifer Swetits
Holly Thorpe
Rachel Townes

And graduating in August:

Jon Mercer
Kelly Meredith
Sarah Redwine
Lanie Watson

Psychology Majors on the Spring 2009 Dean's List:

Ashley Arthur
Shawn Bolden
Rebecca Borum
Melanie Brown
Josh Cassell
Amanda Dugas
Felicia Ferreira
Ashley Ford
Katherine Gallagher
Krysten Heath
Katherine Heiberger
Stephanie Hill
Zach Hollis
Alayna Hoopes
Kendra Johnson
Chelsi Lee
Jacob Lovelace
Ana Luina
Emily Lynn
Casey Mabery
Bob McMahon
Geoffrey Osborne
Nicole Pierce
Molly Rafferty
Laura Reese
Ariana Scott
Kristin Spitler
Todd Stonnell
Joel Strauss
Holly Thorpe
Cristina Valdivieso
Ashley Yocum

Psychology Majors on the Spring 2009 President's List (4.0 semester GPA):

Peter Amann
Sarah Culbertson
Sara Mertins
Kenneth Osborne
Jonathan Renz
Lee Ann Spurzem

Advising and Registration for Spring 2010 Classes

The advising and registration period for *Spring 2010* classes will be November 2nd 2009 through November 13th, 2009. For your information, here are the psychology courses that will be offered during the Winter Intersession 2010 and Spring 2010 semester.

Winter Intersession 2010

- Psyc101 – Online (Carkenord)
- Psyc101 – Online (Buchert)

Spring 2010

- Psyc101 (Introduction to Psychology)
- Psyc151 (Introduction to Biopsychology)
- Psyc233 (Research Methods)
- Psyc234 (Quantitative Methods)
- Psyc322 (Cognitive Psychology)
- Psyc331 (Social Psychology)
- Psyc356 (Abnormal Psychology)
- Psyc357 (Psychopathology of Childhood)
- Psyc373 (Adolescent Development)
- Psyc384 (Cross Cultural Psychology)
- Psyc400 (Human Factors Psychology)
- Psyc410 (Psychological Interviewing)
- Psyc423 (Theories of Personality)
- Psyc457 (History & Systems)
- Psyc460 (Advanced General Psychology)
- Psyc461 (Senior Seminar)
- Psyc495 (Positive Psychology)

“Positive Psychology” offered in Spring 2010

Dr. Kurt Crandall will be offering a course in “Positive Psychology” (Psyc495) in the Spring 2010 semester. “Positive Psychology” is a relatively new branch of psychology that focuses on ways to improve the mental health and functioning of people, with an emphasis on topics such as increasing happiness and helping people live satisfying lives. The course will be on MWF at 1:00-1:50pm.

Psychology Club News

The Psychology Club participated in the Alzheimer's Walk this fall, and is planning a trip to the Washington, DC zoo on October 24th. They have a few inkblot t-shirts left and they also have some of last year's "How does that make you feel?" shirts. Contact Dr. Buchert or any of the officers below for more information.

President: Ben Brittain
Secretary: Lucia Simmons
Treasurer: Katherine Gallagher
Historian: Ashley Arthur
Philanthropist: Amanda Holman

Psi Chi News

Psi Chi is the Psychology Honorary Society, and this year the officers are:

President: Kristen Davis
Vice-President: Becca Borum
Secretary: Ashley Steadman
Treasurer: Peter Amann
Historian: Randall McCoy

The members of Psi Chi are planning to help with the next Habitat for Humanity project in Farmville. Also, look for a Psi Chi bake sale in the upcoming weeks.

Last spring Psi Chi purchased and planted a tree for the university. The tree is in front of West Ruffner.



Also last spring Psi Chi initiated 14 new members:

- Ashley Arthur, Eliza Coughter, Felicia Ferreira, Sam Gagne, Sam Haurie, Ashley Herndon, Adriana Kovach, Angela McBride, Randall McCoy, Madeline Raines, Ariana Scott, Ashley Steadman, Emily Templeton, and Amber Wright

Senior Winners of Best Poster Award



At the end of each semester, seniors in the Senior Seminar class present posters of their research project. The faculty votes on the best poster, and last spring the winners were Stephanie Hill and Holly Thorpe. Their project was titled, "The Effects of Scenario and Statistics Presentation on Attitudes Toward Marriage and Divorce".

Students Present Research at Regional Conference

Danielle Jagoda and Cristina Valdivieso presented research in a poster session at the Mid Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship at Sweet Briar College on October 10th. Their research project was titled, "How Attractive Are You? Individuals' Sensitivity to Number of Sexual Partners." They conducted the research as an independent study with Dr. Buchert.

