

# Happenings in Psychology

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### Psychology Majors on the Fall 2006 Dean's List:

Ellie Augustine  
Darian Batten  
Andrea Belcher  
Sara Bender  
Heather Blackwood  
Rebecca Borum  
Vanessa Congdon  
Johnathan Crawford  
Camy Davis  
Elyse Day  
Audrey DeJarnette  
Mary Dickey  
Nicole Dressler  
Katie Duncan  
Charde' Ferguson  
Trisha Hazen  
Danielle Jagoda  
Michelle Mansour  
Mariana Mosquera  
Kelly Nagle  
Lucy O'Dell  
Hailey Peters  
Nicole Pierce  
Acquanet Pritchett  
Lee Ann Spurzem  
Todd Stonnell  
Emily Templeton  
Jennifer Turner  
Brantley Willett

### Psychology Majors on the Fall 2006 President's List:

Caitlin Daly  
Griffin Glatt-Dowd  
Krysten Heath  
Ben Lord  
Donika Martin  
Andrew Mendolia  
Jessica Palacios  
Jordan Stinson  
Jennifer Swetits  
Megan Wilson  
Laura Wire

### Majors Graduating after the Fall 2006 semester . . .

Ashley Fineman  
Josh Hamlett  
B.J. Skeens  
Hollie Witt

### Senior Seminar – Fall 2006

During the final week of the fall semester, students in Dr. Laws' Senior Seminar class displayed posters of their research projects in the Lankford Ballroom. Charde' Ferguson and Jessica Lemmert won the 'Best Poster' award.



### Advising and Registration for Fall 2007 Classes

The advising and registration period for *Fall 2007* classes will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 through April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007. For your information, here are the psychology courses that will be offered during Summer 2007 and Fall 2007.

#### Summer 2008

- **Session 1**
  - Psyc101 – Online (Carkenord)
  - Psyc151 (Laws . . . at 11am!)
  - Psyc234 (Buchert)
  - Psyc331 – Online (Carkenord)
  - Psyc356 (Apperson)
- **Session 2**
  - Psyc350 (Bjornsen)
  - Psyc470 (Stein)
- **Session 3**
  - Psyc101 (Buchert)
  - Psyc452/552 (Laws)

#### Fall 2007

- Psyc101 (Introduction to Psychology)
- Psyc151 (Introduction to Biopsychology)
- Psyc233 (Research Methods)
- Psyc234 (Quantitative Methods)
- Psyc323 (Developmental Methods)
- Psyc331 (Social Psychology)
- Psyc356 (Abnormal Psychology)
- Psyc360 (Consumer Psychology)
- Psyc371 (Infant & Child Development)
- Psyc423 (Theories of Personality)
- Psyc430 (Psychology and the Law)
- Psyc453 (Psycholinguistics)
- Psyc457 (History & Systems)
- Psyc460 (Advanced General Psychology)
- Psyc461 (Senior Seminar)

### Study Abroad Opportunity in Spain

Dr. Bjornsen is planning a study abroad class in Spain for the summer. The theme of the course is, *The Passions of Spain: Food, Love, Bullfighting, and Flamenco Dancing*. The current cost estimate is \$2,500.00 plus tuition for a 3-credit summer course. See Dr. Bjornsen for more details.

## **“Student Achievement Awards” for Psychology Students**

The faculty members of the department like to recognize students each year who have set themselves apart in some way that is worthy of special merit and recognition. This award is intended to acknowledge students who have not only achieved a level of academic success, but who have also achieved in other ways, such as providing service to the university or the local community, attending professional conferences, or assisting faculty members with research projects. In sum, there are many ways that students can “achieve” in our program, and we want to recognize all forms of such achievement. Students are nominated by faculty members and selected by a vote among the faculty.

This year, Andrea Godwin, Andrew Mendolia, and Laura Wire will receive a “Student Achievement Award.”

*Andrea Godwin:* Andrea has been a very active member of the Psychology Club, and served as a Longwood Seminar peer mentor. She is also currently working on two research projects with Dr. Buchert.

*Andrew Mendolia:* Andrew was one of the primary researchers on a project supervised by Dr. Bjornsen that was presented in a poster at the Eastern Psychological Society conference last spring. Andrew has also attended the Carolinas Psychology Conference, and is currently beginning work on a research project in aviation psychology.

*Laura Wire:* Laura recently conducted a research project investigating language development in 2 & 3 year old children. She collected her data from children at local day care facilities. She is currently assisting Dr. Buchert with additional research on language development.

### **Psychology Club News**

Members of the Psych Club will be attending the Eastern Psychological Association conference in Philadelphia in March.

### **New Members of Psi Chi, the Psychology Honorary Society**

During the fall semester, the Longwood chapter of Psi Chi added 11 new members.



Aynsley Birkner, Patrick McArdle, Joel Rowe, Darian Batten, Richard Woody, Camy Davis. Front: Laura Wire, Donika Martin, Valerie Baker, Jacklyn Jones, Vanessa Congdon.

### **Student-Faculty Research Collaboration**

Ben Lord and Dr. Bjornsen have recently collaborated on a research study of adolescent development. Results of the study have been accepted for presentation at the upcoming EPA convention and are currently under review for presentation at the 2007 meeting of the European Society for Developmental Psychology.

### **Longwood University / Hampden Sydney College Psychology Research Symposium**

The annual Longwood University / Hampden-Sydney College Psychology Research Symposium will be held Friday, April 27th, 2007. The symposium will serve as a showcase for the senior research projects of psychology majors from both schools. All students will present a poster of their senior research project, and awards for the best poster will be given to a student from each school. Longwood students will display the research projects they conducted for the spring semester Senior Seminar course (PSYC 461).