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Reminders


 **Jul 29:** Summer IV last day to drop a course or withdraw.


 **Aug 1:** Deadline for submissions to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.


 **Aug 5:** Thesis & dissertation proposals due in college.


 **Aug 7:** Last day of classes.


 **Aug 8-9:** Final examination period.

 **Aug 15:** Campus orientation for new graduate students, Houston Rm., University Center, 8am-4pm.

 **Aug 18:** Psychology new graduate student orientation, Rm. 135 Heyne, 9:00am-1:30pm.

 **Aug 25:** First day of fall classes.

 **Aug 29:** Last day to add a course.

 **Sept 1:** Office closed in Observance of Labor Day.

The Houston Conference

The Department of Psychology is proud to announce the upcoming *The Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology* (The Houston Conference). The conference will be held at the University of Houston Hilton and Conference Center on September 3-7, 1997. With the recognition of Clinical Neuropsychology as a specialty by the American Psychological Association (APA) in 1996, the development of a fully integrated model for education and training of clinical neuropsychologists at the predoctoral, internship, and postdoctoral levels is needed. The Houston Conference is designed to meet the goal of producing this model which will foster future developments in the field. Participants of this "working conference" represents most of the major organizations in Clinical Neuropsychology including Division 40 of the American Psychological Association, National Academy of Neuropsychology, American Board of Professional Psychology, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Association for Doctoral Training in Clinical Neuropsychology, Association of Internships in Clinical Neuropsychology, Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Neuropsychology.

The conference will be the most important education and training meeting held for the new Specialty of Clinical Neuropsychology and is expected to have the impact that the 1947 Boulder Conference did for Clinical Psychology: essentially define the field and serve as the reference for future training programs. Forty-two delegates from a diverse cross-section of programs and regional areas of the country have been selected to participate in this historically significant event. The planning committee for the conference is chaired by our own **Dr. H. Julia Hannay**. The other conference planning committee members are: **Dr. Linus A. Bielianuskas**, Univ. Michigan Medical Center; **Dr. Thomas A. Hammeke**, Medical College of Wisconsin; **Dr. Sandra Koffler**, Allegheny University Hospitals; **Dr. Bruce A. Crosson**, University of Florida; **Dr. Kerry deS. Hamsher**, Neuropsychology Clinic, Milwaukee, WI. Noted neuropsychologist and educator, **Dr. Manfred Meier** has been asked to speak at the conference's opening reception on Wednesday, September 3.

Given the fact that the Clinical Neuropsychology Specialty in the department's Clinical Psychology Program is considered one of the top 5 training programs in the country, its not surprising that the conference has received a high level of UH support and interest. In addition to the department's sponsorship, other generous UH contributors include: the College of Social Sciences, the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Office of Development. Other contributors include: the Board of Educational Affairs of the American Psychological Association, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology, Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology, Division 40-APA, National Academy of Neuropsychology, and Psychological Corporation.

News and Notes

❖ New Procedure---Key Request Forms

A new department key request form has been developed. The department will no longer accept memos for key requests. The turnaround on receiving keys will depend on whether the requested key is available within the departmental key inventory. If so, keys can be available within 5 days and will be distributed from the department business office. If the requested key is not in our inventory, then the request will be filled by the University Key Control Office (3-5675). Keys are generally ready for pick up within two weeks. Faculty, please note that we will require prior approval from you if you are requesting lab keys for graduate students or staff. Contact Nicole Bui or Caroline Watkins in the business office if you have any questions.

❖ Reserve Your Fall Rooms Now

Now is the time you should be reserving rooms 125, 135, 226, 234 for the fall. Rooms are filling quickly. Remember, ROOMS WILL NOT BE RESERVED WITHOUT COMPLETED ROOM REQUESTS AND CONFIRMATION FORMS. See Nicole Bui for the necessary request form.

❖ Contacting User Support Services

Sean Woodward, our technical support guru, has done a tremendous job these last few months in improving computer and network support to faculty and staff. We've kept him very busy, too busy at times. Help is on the way. With the new year at hand, we intend to hire a couple of good work study students to help in handling the more routine problems. Until then, your continued patience is greatly appreciated. If you are experiencing a problem: 1.) Collect as much information about the problem as possible. What happens? What doesn't happen? What were you doing when you first noticed that it was broken? What were you doing before that? 2.) Send this information to service@fisher.psych.uh.edu. Be sure to include your name, your UserID and your computer's name.

❖ Faculty and Staff Directory Updates

The department faculty and staff directory is now being updated. Review your information and get your changes/corrections to Nicole Bui by September 10.

❖ Room 107 Closed for Comprehensives

Room 107 will be closed to students, faculty, and staff on Wednesday and Thursday, August 20-21 for comprehensives.

❖ Who's In, Who's Out in August

In looking over the late July and August staffing schedule, it seems that a number of the administrative staff will be out. Here's the **OUT**

schedule. If you need something from one of these people, get it while you can.

- Tran Le, Advising Office: Aug. 4-25.
- Mani Kuffel, Business Office: Jul. 30-Aug. 4, August 7 & 8; D.C. Conference Aug. 25-28.
- Mary Ordonez, Business Office: KY Conference Jul. 28-Aug. 1; D.C. Conference Aug. 25-28.
- Gwen Moore, Clinic: Aug. 4-8.

From the Academic Office

📁 Summer III & IV

Final grades for Summer III & IV will be coming out the first week of August and are due back to the Academic Office 72 hours after the final exam.

📁 Thesis/Dissertation

Thesis and Dissertation proposals are due in the College of Social Sciences for binding on August 5th. All forms are available in the Academic Advising Office. If you need an extension, please fill out a general petition and file it with our office.

📁 New Fall Courses

PSYC 7396 (09512) Francis: Exploratory Data Analysis will be offered instead of *Structural Equations and Longitudinal Data Analysis*.

- We need to know which time will work, more important which time will not:
Monday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
or **Tuesday 8:30 am - 11:30 am**
- Please let Tricia know your responses: 3-8512 or tmspinks@uh.edu

PSYC 8393 (11721) Born: Special Topics in Personnel Selection: European Perspectives will be a new I/O course on Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

📁 TATF List

The list will be coming out soon. Please see Tricia or Dr. Doughtie if you have any questions.

📁 Book Orders

Faculty members: if you have not received your book orders, please let Tricia know.

Graduate students: the book orders will be coming out soon after the TATF list.

📁 Graduate Directory

It is time to update the graduate student directory. Please submit any changes to the academic office by the first week in September.

📁 Welcoming New Graduate Students

Monday, August 18, 1997 @ 9:00 a.m., room 135 Heyne is the new graduate student orientation. Please help welcome our new students.

- Clinical Track: Jennifer Adams, James Coleman, Yelena Gerasimova, Patricia Haertlein, Susan Hall, Wendy Marsh, Beth Peters, and Stacy Tomanik
- Clinical-Neuro Track: Timothy Atchison, Allison Clark, Lynne Cole, Henry Loehn, and Kimberly Pruitt
- Developmental: Candy Warden and Cynthia Wyche
- Industrial Organizational: Ted Cross, Jason Etchegaray, Anika Gakovic, Alexander Lou, and Mark Morris
- Social: Edward Garrido, Amy McQueen, Nancy Olson, and Astrid Williams

Ask the Expert

Q: How do I add students to my Summer IV class roster?

A: At this time during the semester, instructors are no longer allowed to add students. Please send students to Room 104 E. Cullen to straighten out registration/financial problems.

Q: How do I drop students from the grade sheets if they have not shown up to classes all semester?

A: Instructors can assign either an "F" or "W" for students who have not taken any tests or done any projects. However, if the student has grades recorded, these students can only be dropped for NON ACADEMIC reasons (illness, death, job, etc.). Please obtain the Withdrawal Forms from the academic office.

What's New In Research

New Grant Administration Newsletter

Research faculty and staff will soon be receiving a new newsletter, *Federal Grants News for Colleges and Universities*. The newsletter provides information on the latest development in grants administration and on how other colleges and universities handle common issues and problems.

NIH Regional Seminar in Program Funding & Grant Administration

NIH is holding a regional seminar on program funding and grants administration on Sept. 4-5, 1997 in Nashville, TN. The two day seminar will provide information on current issues that affect NIH funding and grant administration and will provide a comprehensive view of NIH-sponsored research. Registration is \$135. Additional information is available from Mani.

PRESENTATIONS

- Acitelli, L.K., & Carlson, C. (July, 1997). Maintaining the relationship by attending to it. Presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Oxford, OH, June 28-July 3, 1997.
- Acitelli, L. K. & Veroff, J. (July, 1997). How does taking a relationship perspective increase marital well-being? Presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Oxford, OH, June 28-July 3, 1997.

PENDING RESEARCH AWARDS

The project proposal in Spina Bifida is being site-visited on July 23 at UT. The University of Houston has a subcontract on this project for the Database, Computer, and Statistics Core valued at \$695,999 total costs over 5 years. **Dr. David Francis** is the P.I. Also, **Dr. H. Julia Hannay** is P.I. of Project 4, "Corpus Callosum Function in Children with Spina Bifida" and Co-P.I. on Project 3, "Cerebellar and Midbrain Function in Children with Spina Bifida." The primary institution for the research is UT-Health Science Center Houston, with collaborations involving UH, the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, and the University of Virginia. The total costs for the program project over the 5 year period are estimated at \$5.5M.

RESENT APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

Dr. David Francis has been appointed to the Mental Retardation Research Subcommittee of the NICHD Initial Review Group. The term begins 7/1/97 and ends 6/30/2001. The Subcommittee is advisory to the Director of NIH and the Director of NICHD on research in mental retardation. It has primary responsibility for review of applications for mental retardation center grants, program project grants, and national research service awards relating to research and manpower in the field of mental retardation.

Dr. Francis has also been nominated for Fellow Status in Division 5 of APA. The nomination is in recognition of his outstanding contributions to psychology and to evaluation, measurement and statistics. The nomination has been endorsed by Division 5 and the Membership Committee of APA has recommended Board approval. Final recommendation and approval for his nomination will take place at the APA Convention in Chicago

PROJECT UPDATES

With the recent move of **Dr. Barbara Foorman** from the UH College of Education to the UT Health Science Center, many of the Francis/Foorman Early Interventions Project staff have made the move over to UT as well. They include **Kristen McKenna-Dawson, Kathy Petrak, MaryJo Coligan, Angeliki**

Mouzaki, Pat McEnergy, Justina Padgett, and Richard Williams (project coordinator). Richard will continue to provide project support for **Dr. Linda Acitelli's** NIMH project. If anyone needs to contact Richard or any of the other people, please call 713-500-3689. If you need to talk to Richard specifically, he will retain an office in Psychology (rm. 132L) and will be on campus from 1pm - 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 3-5 on Fridays.

Scholarships and Fellowships

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships & Minority Graduate Fellowships

These fellowships offer recognition and three years of support for advanced study in several fields including behavioral and social sciences. Each award carries a stipend of \$15,000 for a 12-month tenure and an annual cost-of education allowance of \$9,500, paid to the Fellow's institution in lieu of tuition and fees. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the U.S. Those eligible to apply are college seniors, first-year graduate students, and others who have completed a limited amount of graduate study. For the Minority Graduate Fellowships, applicants must be members of one of the following ethnic minority groups: American Indian, Black/African American, Hispanic, Native Alaskan (Eskimo or Aleut), or Native Pacific Islander (Polynesian or Micronesian). For more information and application procedures check out the Graduate Research Fellowship home page at: <http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/EHR/DGE/grf.html>, or send specific questions about the application process to nsfgrfp@ora.gov.

Psycho Philes is published the 3rd week of each month. Submissions should be sent to Mani Kuffel at mkuffel@bayou.uh.edu by the end of the 2nd week of each month. All submissions are subject to editing for space and content.



On August 12 we bid farewell to **Luis Gomez**. Luis has worked in the business office for the past year as a work study student. As most of you know, he is terrific. How we will manage without him is still a mystery. Luis will be transferring to Southwestern Assemblies of God University, a small private university, on August 15. The university is located in Wacahachie, TX, 15 minutes south of Dallas. Luis will enter as a sophomore with a major in Psychology. Future plans include graduate study in clinical psychology.

Our thanks to the Houston Works Students who have been assisting in the department's business and research project offices this summer.

We have an exceptional group this year. They are: **Aaron Felan** and **Anh Nguyen** (main office), **Vong Tran** and **Lamika Wyche** (academic office), and **Aracely Villalpando** (Evans projects), and assisting in the Dean's office is **Roxann Rangel**.

On The Lighter Side

PHILOSOPHIES TO GET YOU THROUGH THE DAY

- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.
- No one is listening until you make a mistake.
- Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.
- The colder the X-ray table, the more of your body is required on it.
- The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- The severity of the itch is proportional to the reach.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your own principles.
- Two wrongs are only the beginning.
- You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- Monday, is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.
- The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.