











# Psycho Philes

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## Reminders

-  **May 4:** Last day of classes.
-  **May 6-14:** Final examination period.
-  **May 14:** Teacher evaluations must be completed.
-  **May 15:** General graduation ceremony, 10:00 am at Hofheinz Pavilion.
-  **May 16:** College of Social Sciences Commencement, Hofheinz Pavilion, 7:00 pm.
-  **May 25:** Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
-  **May 26:** First day of classes for Summer I and Summer II.
-  **Jun 1:** Last day to withdraw from courses (not all) to receive a refund.
-  **Jun. 5:** Deadline for submissions to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.
-  **Jun. 19:** Last day to file university application for graduation.

## News and Notes

### ❖ Promotion and Tenure Updates

The department is pleased and proud to announce promotion and tenure approval for three of its faculty. **Drs. David Francis** and **James Campion** were promoted from Associate to full Professor. **Dr. Linda Acitelli** now holds the position of Associate Professor with tenure. These changes will be effective September 1, 1998. Congratulations!

### ❖ College Staff Meeting, May 29

The next college staff meeting will be held on Friday, May 29 from 12:00-1:30 in 135 Heyne. All department staff are encouraged to attend. Staff will receive a call for agenda items the week of May 11. Please feel free to suggest items for the agenda. Although we may not have time to include every item to the agenda, each request will be honored at a subsequent meeting. Don't forget to bring your lunch. Currently on the agenda for the May 29 meeting:

- Staff Recognition Awards—A Social Sciences Recognition Award event, a new idea, will be planned and discussed at the meeting. The goal is to reward and acknowledge college staff for their efforts; similar to the campus staff recognition awards. A committee will be formed at this meeting to help develop, oversee, and coordinate the award process and event.
- Winter Holiday Party—Believe it, it's time to start the planning. Staff will have the opportunity to discuss who, what, where, how, and when for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Holiday Party.

### ❖ More Travel Reminders

- Travel request forms should include an accurate estimate of all travel expenses, including airfare, lodging, per diem, car rentals, and out of pocket expenses, at the time approval is given for the trip.
- Travel reimbursement should include original receipts, invoices, and a confirmation, invitation, or arrangement letter from cosponsor institution, if applicable.
- Anyone traveling within the state of Texas must present the Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Certificate at the hotel.
- All travel vouchers should be completed and submitted within 60 days of the completion of the trip.
- Beginning May 15, United will limit carry-on luggage on North American flights to two items per passenger. Each carry-on can be no larger than 45 linear inches. Both laptops and purses are included in the two item limit.

❖ **Get Your Summer Payroll Request In**

All summer payroll requests **MUST** be submitted to Mary Ordonez by May 8.

### ❖ UH Network Upgrade

From Information Technology . . . All UH network users will be affected by a network hardware upgrade scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 1998, from 5 a.m. through 8 a.m. During this time, Information Technology will replace older network routers with a single state-of-the-art network router. This is a major Internet and intra-campus connectivity upgrade that will benefit virtually all UHnet users by increasing network efficiency, speed and stability.

### ❖ Graduate Agreement Forms Due

Graduate students, please ensure that you have submitted your summer Graduate Agreement forms to Caroline Watkins by May 8..

### ❖ Human Resources Has Moved

the department of Human Resources has moved to 347 McElhinney. Their new mail code is HR5883. All telephone extensions will remain the same.

### ❖ Endowed Scholarship Available

Application information is allocated in the business office on the Patricia A. Eichhorn Endowed Scholarship for Returning Women. One scholarship of \$500 will be awarded this year. The scholarship is in support of non-traditional or returning female students who are furthering their education. Deadline for receipt of applications is May 8, 1998.

## From the Academic Office

✓ **Correction to Non-Listed Summer Course:** PSYC 4322, Behavior Modification, 12-2 MTWTH is available for Summer I not Summer IV.

✓ **Master's Thesis and Dissertation:** Students needing to enroll in these courses may find the section numbers posted in the academic office. For summer, please register under the program director. For fall, please register under the chairperson of your committee.

✓ **PBs Registering in Graduate Level Courses:** PBs may enroll in graduate level courses, but only with instructor of record permission. PBs and other non-psychology graduate students will count on the enrollment for a graduate level course. Undergraduate students cannot enroll in a graduate level course because it causes an enrollment issue. If an instructor finds a student to be academically ready for a graduate course, then the instructor may give written approval on a general petition for special problems credit. The student will then

attend/participate in the class and get a grade for the course under the special problems credit.

✓ **Practicum Courses for PBs:** PBs must have a general petition filled out just like the special problems courses. PBs are grouped in the undergraduate classification and must have written permission from a faculty member to register in the practicum courses.

✓ **Special Problems for Graduate Students:** These courses are for research and a general petition must be filled out for registration. The general petition must include the description of the work being done and signed by a psychology faculty member (not adjunct). The signed forms must be turned in the academic office 122-Heyne.

✓ **Special Problems for Undergraduate Students:** These courses are for research or special assignments for undergraduates with a GPA=3.0 or higher and completion of PSYC 2301 *Introduction to Methods*. General petitions must be filled out for registration. The general petition must include the description of the work being done and signed by a psychology faculty member (not adjunct or a graduate student). The signed forms must be turned in the academic office 122-Heyne.

✓ **Teaching Evaluations:** New evaluations are being used this semester, please look in your box for a sample. The official evaluations must be picked up in the academic office and sign-out on a log and when completed a students representative in the class needs to return the forms and sign-in on a log.

✓ **Final Grade Sheets:** Grade sheets will go out on Friday, May 1. The grades must be completed and turned in 72 hours after the scheduled final exam. If anything happens to the grade sheets (i.e. lost, ink marks, or rips), the forms must be re-typed on a clean form. Students cannot be added on the final grade sheets. Students must have a non-academic reason for dropping (i.e. hospitalized, family death, mental institution, and other very serious situations). This semester a new drop form must be filled out by the instructor on each student, please refer to the memo attached to the grade sheets.

✓ **Graduation Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for graduation to help the department organize all the students participating in the ceremony. Any staff, faculty, or students interested in helping, please e-mail Tricia (tmspinks@uh.edu) or come by the office. So far, we have three volunteers and we need 20 (Help!).

✓ **Graduation Participants:** You must be at Hofheinz Pavilion by 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 15,

1998 to line up. We have at least 325 undergraduate and graduate students total to line up alphabetically. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm and everyone must be ready to go.

✔ **Book Orders:** Book orders were due on April 30, if there are any still out there, please turn them in ASAP.

✔ **Advising Appointments:** The academic office is doing a trial run of scheduling appointments for the whole month of May starting Friday, May 1.

✔ **Thanks to Guest Speakers:** Many thanks to our guest speakers for UH Graduate Preview: **Holly Lewis, Michael Clary, and Amy McQueen** helped with the UH Graduate Preview for the students from Xavier University of Louisiana. These students come every year to UH to learn about the graduate programs. The assistant director of admissions has received calls and e-mails from several students who responded with glowing comments about our speakers.

## What's New In Research

### NIH Issues New Policy on Child Subjects

In the March 6, 1998, *NIH Guide*, NIH announced their new research policy on the inclusion of child subjects in future NIH-sponsored research studies. Under the new policy, which effects any NIH-sponsored research project beginning with initial applications submitted after October 1, 1998, children must be included not only in studies for which IRB full board review is required, but also in those protocols which are otherwise exempt from IRB review. This policy defines children as anyone under 21 years of age. A copy of the complete policy may be accessed through the NIH website at:

<http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide>

**Dr. Alex Siegel** and **Dr. Bill Hartup** recently co-edited a special issue of the "SRCDD Newsletter" (Society for Research in Child Development) devoted to the history of child development.

- Siegel, A.W. & Hartup, W.W. (Eds.) (1997). Special Issue on the History of Child Development. "SRCDD Newsletter", "40(3)."

Congratulations are in order for **Dr. Lynn Rehm** who has been nominated and is on the ballot for the Presidency of American Psychological Association (APA). Nomination for APA Presidency is a singular honor.

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & WORKSHOPS

- Bachiochi, P. D., Stanton, J. M., Robie, C., Perez, L. M., & Smith, P. C. (1998). "Revising the JDI Work subscale: Insights into stress and control." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- DaSilva, N. & Tetrick, L. E. (1998). "Reconceptualizing the Entrepreneur: A Look at Portuguese Restaurant Owners." Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- Garrido, E.F. and Acitelli, L.K. (1998). "Identity and the Division of Household Labor." Poster presentation at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference in Norman, OK, May 23-26, 1998.
- Robie, C., & Ryan, A. M. (1998). "Effects of nonlinearity and heteroscedasticity on the validity of conscientiousness in predicting job performance." In D. S. Ones (Chair), Multiple predictors, situational influences, and incremental validity. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- Tetrick, L. (1998). "Occupational Health and Safety: What Can I/O Psychology Contribute?" Chair and Panelist at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- Tetrick, L. (1998). "Psychological Contracts: Pitfalls and Opportunities." Co-Chair and Panelist at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- Tetrick, L. (1998). "Refining the Role of Dispositions: Time, Level, Specificity, and Interactions." Discussant for Symposium at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- Townsend, J., DaSilva, N., Mueller, L., Curtin, P. J., & Tetrick, L. E. (1998). "Attributional Complexity: A Link between Decision Latitude, LMX, and Performance." Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.
- Vincent, J., Harris, G., Vincent, C., & Gerasimova, Y. (1998). "Age and gender correlates of children's reactions to violent crime." VRI Project poster presentation at the APA National Convention, Div. 7, Aug.
- Young, A.M., and Acitelli, L.K. (1998). The role of attachment style and relationship status in the perceptions of romantic partner. *J. of Social and Personal Relationships*, 15: 161-173.

Zickar, M., & Robie, C. (1998). "Modeling faking good on personality items: An item-level analysis." In M. A. McDaniel (Chair), Applicant faking with non-cognitive tests: Problems and solutions. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX, April 23-26.



**Lucia Tran**, one of our hard working work-study students, was accepted to the UTMB Familiarization Program this summer. This program provides college students an introduction to Medical School life.

Academic Advisor, **Tom Pickering**, will begin working full-time for Psychology beginning June 1, 1998. Our beleaguered academic office looks forward to the additional support.

*Spring, a time for love . . . Congratulations to:*

**Michelle (Lieu) Nguyen** is getting married on May 16 to **Quy Vuong** in Dallas. Michelle is a second year clinical student.

**Renee Zygmuntowicz**, a second year clinical student, and **John Dominguez**, a third year clinical student, got engaged over Easter weekend. A May 1999 wedding is planned in Chicago.

## On The Lighter Side

According to the Wall Street Journal, Hong Kong's fascination with movies has created a weird stepchild: a thriving cottage industry that renames Hollywood movies for distribution to China. One leading renamer explains, "Major studios think up titles that are flat, boring, and don't tell audiences what movies are about. We create titles that are more straightforward." Some renamings are easier for Westerners to grasp than others. So, for instance, *The English Patient* became *Don't Ask Me Who I Am*, and *Oliver Stone's Nixon* became *The Big Liar*. On the other hand, *Boogie Nights* became, roughly, *His Powerful Device Makes Him Famous*. *Fargo*, an unfamiliar city name to Hong Kongers, became *Mysterious Murder in Snowy Cream* (the last two words being pronounced in Cantonese as *fah go*). *The Full Monty* became the fetching *6 Naked Pigs*, and--our favorite--*As Good As It Gets* became *Mr. Cat Poop*. So how about the biggest flick of all? Turns out that *Titanic* was released as none other than *Titanic*.

More of those odd-ball laws.

### Georgia

- All males in the state between the ages of 16 and 50 are required to work on public roads.
- In Columbus, it is illegal to sit on one's porch in an indecent position.
- In Quitman, it is illegal for a chicken to cross a road.
- It is illegal to change the clothes on a storefront mannequin unless the shades are down.

### Hawaii

- It is illegal to appear in public wearing only swimming trunks.
  - It is illegal to own a mongoose without a permit.
- ### Idaho
- In Pocatello, "the carrying of concealed weapons is forbidden, unless same are exhibited to public view."
  - Also in Pocatello, "It is prohibited for pedestrians and motorists to display frowns, grimaces, scowls, threatening and glowering looks, gloomy and depressed facial appearances, generally all of which reflect unfavorably upon the city's reputation."
  - Boxes of candy given as romantic gifts must weigh more than 50 pounds.

### Illinois

- In Chicago, people who are diseased, maimed, mutilated, or deformed to the point of being "an unsightly or disgusting object" are banned from going out in public.
- In Chicago, it is illegal to fish in one's pajamas.
- In Chicago, it is illegal to take a French poodle to the opera.
- According to state law, it is illegal to speak English. The officially recognized language is "American."
- In Guerne, it is illegal for women weighing more than 200 pounds to ride horses in shorts.
- In Joliet, it is illegal to mispronounce the name Joliet.

### Indiana

- Monkeys are forbidden to smoke cigarettes in South Bend.
- In Gary, it is illegal to attend the theater within four hours of eating garlic.
- *The Stepford Wives* is banned in Warsaw.

### Iowa

- State law forbids any establishment from charging admission to see a one-armed piano player.
- In Fort Madison, firemen are required to practice for 15 minutes before attending a fire.
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