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Reminders


 **Jun. 5:** Deadline for submissions to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.


 **Jun. 12:** Farewell party for Nicole Broyles.


 **Jun.:** Last day to drop a course w/o a grade.
Summer I June 9
Summer II June 16
Summer III June 16

 **Jun. 19:** Last day to file university application for graduation. The college has extended this deadline to July 2. However, be aware that that a late fee will be applied after the June 19 date.

 **Jul. 6:** Summer IV first day of classes.

 **Jun.-Aug.:** Last class day.
Summer I June 30
Summer II July 9
Summer III August 5

 **Jul.-Aug.:** Final exams.
Summer I July 1-2
Summer II July 14-15
Summer III August 6-11

 **Aug. 7:** Deadline for thesis/dissertation submission.

News and Notes

❖ American Express Corporate Cards

Well, so much for encouraging you to use your cards for business purchases. Because of the current delinquent amount state employees owe on American Express charge cards issued through UH, our state travel management office (STMP) has instructed AmEx to implement a \$200 per month total dollar limit on retail spending. Expenditure exceptions to the \$200 limit are air/rail, rental car, lodging, restaurant, public transportation, and parking. Please note that some charges for taxicabs and parking are registered by the merchants with a "retail" code and may be counted as part of the \$200 limit.

❖ New Mail Codes

UH Postal Services recently distributed a listing of mail codes. Since distribution, there have been a few changes. They include Military Science - MILSCI - 6310 and Health and Human Performance - HHP - 6321. The changes will be reflected on the Postal Services web site that is under development and the next publication of the Departmental Mail Code card. Please remember to use the mail code for all campus mail.

❖ Purchasing/Travel Reminders

- Flowers and plants can no longer be purchased from any university fund (you read it right). Research projects that use this kind of purchase for incentives should see Yolizma.
- Please make sure you discuss any purchases with either Ashraf or Yolizma. The state has imposed more stringent guidelines on purchases made on state funds.
- Receipts for reimbursement (on any funds) should be submitted to the business office within thirty (30) days of the purchase. The same holds for all travel reimbursements. We can not promise reimbursement for late submissions.
- University Stores will close on at the end of August. Items normally purchased from UH Stores can be purchased at Boise. I suggest you buy up general supplies from UH stores while you can. They are considerably less expensive than Boise.
- Effective June 8, United Airlines will no longer issue advanced boarding passes.

❖ Classroom Remodeling Update

Check out rooms 135 and 226. Both rooms have received some much needed updating. The rooms are now usable, however we are still waiting to get the projection unit for 226 mounted and there is still some painting to be done in 135.

From the Academic Office

✔ **Big Thanks to Graduation Volunteers:** Many thanks to the volunteers at graduation: **Bob Addy, Nada Balius, Scott Bostic, Michael Clary, Linda Keng, Kevin Le, Jackie Le, Tina LeBlanc, Tonnett London, Stephen Mueller, Mary Ordonez, Neketcia Simmons, Mary Spinks, Kimberly Walters, & the Tran connection (Danny, Mary, Chin, & Fawn)**. We could not pull off the graduation starting on time for the first time in recent memory without you all.

✔ **4th Day Class Rolls:** Monday, June 1 is the 4th of classes for Summer I,II,III 1998 and the class rolls are scheduled to be distributed during the first week in June. Please review the students enrolled in each section. If you have a student missing, please send them to 104-E-Cullen. If you have a student who should be not be enrolled, please send them to Tricia in 122-Heyne. Sign the last page and return the rolls to Tom Pickering (122-Heyne). The middle (yellow) copy is the instructor's copy and the top and bottom copy must be returned to the academic office.

✔ **Book Orders:** Book orders for fall must be turned in no later than June 30.

✔ **Master's Thesis and Dissertation:** Students needing to enroll in these courses may find the section numbers posted in the academic office for summer IV and fall 1998.

✔ **PBs Registering in Graduate Level Courses:** PBs may enroll in graduate level courses, but only with the permission from the instructor of record. 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 problem 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.

Congratulation Spring 1998 Graduates

MASTERS

James T. Bridges: Depression and the Allocation of Visual Attention: Failure of Mood Regulation Processes

Donald D. Caudle: Differences in Internalizing and Externalizing Behaviors Between Children Diagnosed with Attention -Deficit /Hyperactivity Disorder. Predominantly Inattentive Type and Attention -Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Combined Type

Michael F. Clary: Influence of Individualist/ Collectivist Identification on Emotional Reactions to Deceptive Behavior

Deanna D. Craig: Psychological Contract and Temporary Workers: Investigating The Assumption That All Temporary Workers Have The Same Contract

Patricia Daza: Maternal Aggression Towards Children In A Maritally Violent Sample and Child Similarity to the Batterer

John M. Dominguez: Evaluation of A School-Based Social Skills Intervention For Child Victims of Chronic Peer Harassment

Helena C.G. Huckabee: The Role of Serotonin in Aggressive and Impulsive, Behavior in Hospitalized Women and Borderline Personality Disorder

Aimee S. James: Structure of Health Risk Behaviors in Adolescents: A Test of Jessor's Problem Behavior Theory

Aruni K. Nanayakkara: Individualism-Collectivism : Relations with Partner Selection Strategies And Reliance on Social Support

Joanna R. Photiades: Gender Differences in Condom Purchase

Stephanie G. Rogers: Situations in Stereotypes

Julian A. Salinas: Paranoid /Nonparanoid Status and Outcome: A Further Question of Diagnostic Criteria

Kelli Wright: The Process of Change in Postpartum Return to Smoking

Melissa C. Wright: Impairment of Global Visuomotor Processing in children with Congenital Hydrocephalus

DOCTORATE

Coleen D. Carlson: Socioeconomic Status and Reading Achievement : The Mediating Role of Home Processes and Pre-Reading Skills

Kimberly G. Copeland: Longitudinal Predictors of Second Grade Reading Comprehension
Donald F. Dement: Development Validation, and Application of Conflict Resolution Efficacy Scale
Sheri Fleury: Children's Exposure to Every day stressors in Day Care Setting: A Descriptive Study
Douglas C. Gilbert: Psychological Reactance and Alcohol Use Among College Students : Implications for Intervention
Thomas Irwin: Terminating the Smoking Habit: An Investigation of the Processes of Change Among Long-term Ex- Smokers
Pamelyn M. MacDonald: Mother-Child Interactions and Peer Relations in Adolescence: Modes of Linkage
Jean Marie A Raniseski: Exploring The Relationship Between Humor And Marital Well-Being

Changes in NIH Grant Application

June 1, 1998 marks the date for two important changes for certain kinds of NIH grant applications. The first is the phase-out of the NIH R29 (FIRST) award. New investigators are encouraged to submit an R01 application instead. The second change requires researchers to confer with and receive approval from a NIH program official prior to submitting any unsolicited grant applications which request funding of \$500,000 in direct costs per year. Also, the application must include a cover letter that identifies the program officer and institute that agreed to accept the application. Any application that meets the \$500,000 limitation and does not include the program officer/institute information will be returned unreviewed. This policy does not apply to solicited applications such as responses to RFAs or where program announcement indicated higher budgetary amounts.

What's New In Research

Drs. Roy and Janet Lachman has been receiving considerable press these days regarding the release of their research on a jury selection process using artificial intelligence to weed out biased jurors. The program designed by the Lachmans tells you in advance what properties and characteristics you want in a jury and what properties and characteristics you want to be rid of. Both the *Houston Chronicle* and the *Texas Lawyer* have run stories recently.

Social Sciences IRB Approved by OPRR

The University of Houston has requested and received approval from the National Institutes of Health, Office of Protection of Research Risks, to establish a second Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB will review all new non-medical human subjects applications submitted from the College of Social Sciences. **Allen Haney**, Professor of Sociology, will serve as Chairperson. Other committee members are **Kevin Krull**, Assistant Professor, Psychology; **Mary Velasquez**, Research Assistant Professor, Psychology; **Pam Bass**, speech-language pathologist in private practice serving as the community representative; and **Rosemary Grimmet**, Director of Research Policies, Compliance & Committees, Division of Research. The committee is currently establishing procedures, review dates, and other operational details. Updates will be provided. -- Submission courtesy of Rosemary Grimmet

Congratulations to **Audrey Sherman**, clinical psychology-neuropsychology track student, on being the recipient of the Gerathewohl Award by the Houston Psychological Association for her research manuscript in gerontology entitled, "Prevalence and correlates of category versus letter fluency discrepancies in Alzheimer's disease."

NEW RESEARCH AWARDS

Babcock, Julia. "Assessing Battered Women's Risk." PEER Grant, (\$5,000).

Knee, Raymond. "Partner Idealization and Reactions to Conflict: The Role of Relationship Beliefs." PEER Grant, (\$5,000).

Francis, David. "Center for Academic and Reading Skills." UT Subcontract, (\$137,744).

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Get To Know . . .

Kimberly Walters, Financial Assistant

I'd like to give a belated "hello" to all the faculty/staff of the Psychology Department. Although, I've been in the position as Financial Assistant in our main office for some time now, there are several of you who aren't familiar with me or my job responsibilities. I am responsible for generating all of the department's expenditure documents, travel vouchers, cash receipts, and so forth. What this means for you is if you have a question or need assistance with any of these matters, and Ashraf or Yolizma are not available, I am available to assist you. Chances are if you give either of them something of that nature, it'll almost always get passed down to me. In order to expedite orders or

requests, please don't hesitate to direct any questions that you might have on such matters to me.



We wish both congratulations and a sad farewell to **Nicole Broyles**, college business administrator. Nicole has accepted a very exciting position in Information Technology as Division Administrator. She will assume her new position on June 12.

Mary Ordonez, Grants and Contracts Administrator please to announce the birth of her nephew, **Andrew Phillip**. He was born on Mother's Day.

On The Lighter Side

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL QUOTES FROM 11 YEAR OLDS' SCIENCE EXAMS

- "Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water."
- "When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire."
- "H₂O is hot water, and CO₂ is cold water."
- "To collect fumes of sulphur, hold down a deacon over a flame in a test tube"
- "When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide"
- "Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."
- "Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes, and caterpillars."
- "Blood flows down one leg and up the other."
- "Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration."
- "The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader"
- "Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull."
- "Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."
- "A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold."
- "Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."
- "The body consists of three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - a, e, l, o and u."
- "Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away."
- "Planet: A body of earth surrounded by sky."
- "Rhubarb: a kind of celery gone bloodshot."
- "Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."
- "Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."
- "To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose."
- "For a nosebleed: put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops."
- "For drowning: climb on top of the person and move up and down to make Artificial Perspiration."
- "For Fainting: Rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor."
- "For dog bite: put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it."
- "For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead."
- "To prevent contraception: wear a condominium."
- "For head cold: use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat."
- "To keep milk from turning sour: keep it in the cow."
- "The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects."
- "The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana."
- "The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to."
- "A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidors."
- "The tides are a fight between the Earth and Moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight."
- "A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is."
- "Equator: A managerie lion running around the Earth through Africa."
- "Germinate: To become a naturalized German."
- "Liter: A nest of young puppies."
- "Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat."