

# Psycho Philes

University of Houston Department of Psychology  
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## Reminders

👉 **June 9:** Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the clinic. Contact Yolizma Zapata for agenda items.

👉 **June 9:** Deadline for applications to the Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

👉 **June:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.  
Summer I June 13  
Summer II June 20  
Summer III June 20

👉 **June 23:** Last day to file an application for Summer graduation.

👉 **June - July:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw.  
Summer I June 22  
Summer II June 23  
Summer III July 19

👉 **July - Aug:** Last day of classes.  
Summer I July 5  
Summer II July 18  
Summer III Aug 10

👉 **July 4:** Academic, Business, and User Support Offices closed for Independence Day holiday.

👉 **July 10:** First day of classes for Summer Session IV.

## News and Notes

### ❖ Dr. Thomas G. Power Moving to Washington State University

After 20 years of service to the University of Houston, developmental psychologist, **Professor Thomas G. Power**, will be joining the faculty in the Department of Human Development at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. He will be leaving Houston at the end of June.

Dr. Power received his B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1976 and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1980. He began as an assistant professor here in August 1980, was promoted to associate in September 1986, and to full professorship in September 1994. He has also held an adjunct appointment in the Department of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine since 1985.

Having served on numerous university, college, department, and developmental program committee, Dr. Power's current appointments include the positions of Director of Developmental Training and Associate Chair. His research and teaching interests lie in the areas of social development; parent-child relations; stress, coping, and health behaviors; children's play; and cross-cultural human development.

"Dr. Power is a wonderful colleague whose list of contributions to the Department is very impressive," notes Dr. John P. Vincent, Department Chair. "We will miss him very much."

### ❖ Psychology Shines at Commencement

At the College of Social Sciences convocation on May 13, 2000, members of the Department of Psychology received great honors. Each year, the College presents one faculty member and one teaching fellow with the Social Sciences Teaching Excellence Award. This year's recipients were both from Psychology, **Dr. Beth Manke**, assistant professor, and **Ms. Elaine Barry**, developmental graduate student. Also, the Dean's Award for Outstanding Student of Social Sciences was presented to **Ms. Deborah Corbitt-Shindler**, a graduating psychology major who has worked with Drs. Jouriles, Manke, and McDonald. And the Academic Office's own **Ms. Tiffany Davis and Ms. Tonnelt London** received the awards for Outstanding Seniors in Psychology for Spring 2000. Congratulations to all!

### ❖ Travel for Contracted Employees

If you have a contracted non-UH employee (i.e., consultant, speaker), who will be providing a service to UH, and the person's travel is purchased by UH prior to the travel date, you will need to ask Yolizma or Ashraf to generate a letter for the person. The letter will state that the person is entitled to the contract airfare and he/she will have it to present to the airline check-in people if questioned. Without such authorization, the person may have to purchase a full-price fare at the airport in order to travel.

### ❖ Fall 2000 Course Offerings

Dr. Linda Acitelli will be teaching PSYC 6380 Personal Relationships: Theory and Research, a course that is not offered every year. It is an overview of the field of personal relationships, including a critique of the research and discussion of current controversies in the field. It can benefit graduate students from Social, Clinical, I/O, Developmental, and anyone else with an interest in interpersonal processes, gender, communication, and relationships. The time schedule lists the course for Wednesdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m. If you are interested in taking the course and have a schedule conflict, please sign up anyway. The meeting time can be changed if necessary. For more information contact Dr. Acitelli at [acitelli@uh.edu](mailto:acitelli@uh.edu) or 713-743-8567.

Dr. Chip Knee will teach PSYC 6338 Foundations of Social Psychology, Mondays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The time was changed after the schedule of classes was printed, and was done to avoid potential course conflicts.

## What's New In Research

**Dr. Dale L. Johnson**, professor, was elected president-elect of the World Fellowship for Schizophrenia and Allied Disorders at its biannual meeting in Jerusalem, Israel. The WFSAD has 42 member nations and more than 600,000 members world-wide. Professor Johnson presented a paper on "Choices for families and professionals" at the WFSAD meeting. He presented a paper on "Consumer ideals and hard realities" at the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation meeting in Paris, France. He was also reelected to the WAPR board at that meeting.

**Dr. Gordon L. Paul**, the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor of Psychology, was interviewed recently on KTRH radio about "paranoid schizophrenia" and the insanity defense.

### RECENT DISSERTATIONS COMPLETED:

**Dr. Nancy DaSilva** Examining Owner Characteristics and Entrepreneurial Management Strategy in Predicting Small Firm Performance

**Dr. Lauren Manning Salomon** The Impact of Personality Variables on Different Facets of Contextual Performance

**Dr. Clayton Neighbors** Exploring Self-Determination and Social Comparison Processes

**Dr. John Wilson** The Relations Among Organizational Politics, Citizenship Behavior, and Justice

### PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Duck, S., Acitelli, L., K., Manke, B., & West, L. (2000). Sewing relational seeds: Contexts for relating in childhood. Chapter to appear in R. Mills and S. Duck (Eds.), Developmental Psychology of Personal Relationships (pp. 1-14). New York: Wiley.

Ellis, B. B., & Lynch, A.. (2000, April). Cross-national testing: Applying the new rules of measurement. Symposium chaired at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Etchegaray, J., Slack, K. J., Jones, A. P., Latting, J. K., Beck, M. H., Tetrick, L., & DaSilva, N. (2000, April). Management Support, Role Conflict, and Perceived Group Effectiveness. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Kenny, D.A. & Acitelli, L.K. (in press). Accuracy and bias in perceptions of the partner in close relationships. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

Manke, B., & Corbitt-Shindler, D. (2000, April). Brothers and sisters: Sibling conflict and gender-role attitudes. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

Manke, B., Fried, H., Shiver, J., & Haggard, S. (2000, April). Predicting children's well-being: Do neighborhood characteristics matter? Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

Manke, B., Robertson, R., Halgunseth, L., Chau, Y., & Wozniak, R. (2000, April). Understanding family values: The Role of ethnicity and social class. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

McGuire, S., Manke, B., Saudino, K. J., Reiss, D., Hetherington, E. M., & Plomin, R. (2000). Perceived competence and self-worth during adolescence: A Longitudinal behavioral genetic study. Child Development, 70, 1283-1296.

Mead, A. D., Ellis, B. B., & Bedwell, S. (2000, April). How to use the new rules in cross-cultural personality comparisons. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Phillips, H., Wilson, J., & Tetrick, L. E. (2000, April). Comparison of Self- and Other-Ratings of Organizational Citizenship Behavior. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of

Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Pike, A., Manke, B., Reiss, D., & Plomin, R. (2000). A Genetic analysis of differential experiences of adolescent siblings across three years. Social Development, 9, 96-114.

Robie, C., Curtin, P., Foster, T. C., Phillips, H. L., Zbylut, M., & Tetrick, L. E. Does Coaching Decrease the Utility of Response Latencies in Detecting Fakers? (2000, April). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Tetrick, L. E., DaSilva, N., Jones, A., Etchegaray, J., Slack, K. Latting, J., and Beck, M. (2000, April). Organizational Learning: Does It Lead to Employee Well-Being. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Tetrick, L. E., & Ellis, B. B. (2000, April). The University of Houston's occupational health psychology training grant. In H. Fox (Chair), Occupational health psychology: launching a new discipline. Symposium conducted at annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Tetrick, L. E. & Gakovic, A. Positive and Negative Affectivity/Affect Relations to Stressors, Strain, and Outcomes. (2000, April). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans.

Tetrick, L. E., Slack, K. J., DaSilva, N., and Sinclair, R. R. (in press). A Comparison of the Stress-Strain Process for Business Owners and Non-Owners: Differences in Job Demands, Emotional Exhaustion, Satisfaction, and Social Support. Journal of Occupational Health Psychology.

Ware, H.S., Jouriles, E.N., Spiller, L.C., McDonald, R., Swank, P.R., & Norwood, W.S. (in press). Conduct problems among children at battered women's shelters: Prevalence and stability of maternal reports. Journal of Family Violence.

Williams, P., & Poehlmann, K. M. (2000). Effects of mood on ratings of exercise importance. The Annals of Behavioral Medicine, 22, S191.



## Congratulations Spring 2000 Graduates/Candidates

### MASTER OF ARTS

Robert Neil Davis  
Rosario Castillo DeLeon  
Edward F. Garrido  
Lieu Nguyen Vuong  
Paula D. Wagener  
Jeffrey Scott Wefel

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Kimberly Acree Adams  
Nancy DaSilva  
Melanie M. Duncan  
Kathleen Fuchs  
Cristina Ann Gamez-Galka  
Heather Martin Hebert  
Holly Lewis  
Clayton Neighbors  
Julian A. Salinas  
Lauren Manning Salomon  
Kenneth Bates Sewell  
Laura Collazos Spiller  
John W. Wilson

## Computing Notes

### Lab Upgrades

The computing lab machines - graduate, undergraduate and statistics - in the department are now equipped with Intel Pentium Celerons, 400MHz or better, with 64MB or more memory. All have 17" monitors and CDROM readers and soundcards. New machines have been placed in the statistics lab and have Intel Pentium Celeron 500MHz processors and 128MB of memory.

## Coffee Break

**Dr. Aimee James** completed her Ph.D. in Social Psychology here at UH in December 1999, and has also finished her MPH at UT-Houston. She has accepted a postdoctoral appointment in cancer control research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Way to go, Aimee!

Congratulations to social psychology graduate student, **Nancy Olson!** She has been awarded the Women's Studies Program's Dissertation Fellowship for 2000-2001. The award is based on the submission of a research project proposal and is in the amount of \$15,000.

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