











Psycho Philes

University of Houston Department of Psychology
A Newsletter for Faculty, Students, and Staff

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Reminders

-  **Sept 22:** Last day to file an application for Fall graduation.
-  **Oct 6:** Deadline for applications to the Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.
-  **Oct 13:** Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the clinic. Contact Patti Tolar for agenda items.
-  **Oct 18:** Faculty meeting, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., 135 Heyne.
-  **Oct 29:** Daylight Saving Time ends.
-  **Oct 31:** Halloween – Come in Costume!
-  **Nov 6:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw.
-  **Nov 7:** Election Day.
-  **Nov 22:** Deadline for submitting signed approved original and two copies of thesis or dissertation for binding.
-  **Nov 23-24:** Academic, Business, and User Support Offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

News and Notes

❖ Welcome Visiting Faculty

This academic year, the Department has welcomed two Visiting Assistant Professors. **Dr. Sylvia Hysong** recently completed her degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Rice University. Her dissertation is entitled, "The Role of Technical Competence in Managerial Effectiveness: Mediators and Moderators." She will be both teaching

and conducting research within the Department this year.

Dr. Susan Nash is continuing her involvement with the Department this year with a visiting appointment, teaching and working on research with both the Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine Research Groups. Prior to her current position, Dr. Nash served as the Associate Director of the Social Psychology/Behavioral Medicine Research Group for 4 years. The Department is happy to have you both here!

❖ Developmental Psychology Fall Colloquia

The Developmental Colloquia will meet three times during the fall semester, on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The first colloquium will be on September 26, 2000, in Heyne 226. The presenter will be **Dr. Barbara Foorman** from the University of Texas – Houston Medical School.

On October 24, 2000, **Dr. Fran Hagstrom**, of the UH Department of Communication Disorders will speak in Heyne 226.

The final fall colloquium is scheduled for November 28, 2000, and will be presented by **Dr. James Bray** from Baylor College of Medicine in Heyne 135.

All faculty and graduate students are cordially invited to attend. Please contact either Stacey Eckert (seckertbr@aol.com) or Stephen Baker (stephenhbaker@juno.com) if you have any questions or comments regarding the Fall schedule.

❖ Business Office Restructuring

You may have noticed a new face in the business office. **Mary Dung Nguyen** has joined us as a Financial Assistant II. She is located in Room 128A Heyne (the former office of Trasetta Jones). Ms. Nguyen will be happy to assist you with your travel and purchasing needs. **Trasetta Jones** is now located at the business office front desk (Suite 126 Heyne). Former front desk receptionist, **Rosy Mendoza**, now serves as Office Coordinator for the TIMES Center (Texas Institute for Measurement, Evaluation, and Statistics) and is located in Room 204D Heyne. **Mary Ordonez**, the Department's former Assistant Director of Administrative Affairs is now the Administrator for the TIMES Center and is located in Room 204B Heyne. The Department wishes everyone well in their new positions!

❖ New Graduate Students

The Department of Psychology extends a warm welcome to our new graduate students. The Fall 2000 entering class is the following enthusiastic group:

Clinical Program

Daniela Costa, Neelam Jain, Angela Jamison, Michelle Kline, Ehrin Lovria, Michelle Nuttall, Sherry Robinson, Tracy Veramonti

Developmental Program

Michelle Atkins, Susan Haggard

Industrial/Organizational Program

Valerie Beard, Eric Dunleavy, Stephen Mueller, Trevor Self, Lynda Villanueva

Social Program

Cynthia Tolton

We wish all of you a wonderful graduate school experience!

From the Academic Office

✔ Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines:

The guidelines for the binding of Thesis and Dissertations have changed with the merging of the College of Social Sciences and the College of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Communication. These changes are not major, but you need to be aware of them. If you are working on the preparation of your Thesis or Dissertation, and have not stopped by Sherry Rivera's office to pick up the new guidelines, please do so. These guidelines are in effect now and your binding will not take place without the changes. Let's not get caught at the end and have to redo the work. Please note that if you can not have your Thesis or Dissertation ready by the deadline (11/22/2000 for this Fall), you may request a 2 week extension. Do not forget to apply for graduation; even if you filed last semester you will need to reapply for this semester. Good Luck!

--Sherry Rivera

What's New In Research

Clinical graduate student, **Patty Daza**, defended her dissertation in June, entitled "The Depression Anxiety Stress Scale-21: Spanish Translation and Validation with a Hispanic Sample." Ms. Daza is currently on internship.

Dr. Dale Johnson received the Hildreth Award from Division 18 of APA at this August's APA Convention.

Dr. Lynn P. Rehm has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology for a 3 year term. The term begins with the next Midwinter meeting of CUDCP in Santa Barbara in January 2001.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Davis, R. N., Massman, P. J., & Doody, R. S. (in press). Cognitive intervention in Alzheimer's disease: A

randomized, placebo-controlled study. Alzheimer Disease and Associated Disorders.

Hiscock, M., Cole, L.C., Benthall, J.G., Carlson, V.L., and Ricketts, J.M. (2000). Toward solving the inferential problem in laterality research: Effects of increased reliability on the validity of the dichotic listening right-ear advantage. Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society, 6, 539-547.

Knee, C.R. (2000, September). Implicit theories of relationships: Recent advances. Invited address for the Department of Psychology, Purdue University.

Knee, C.R., Nanayakkara, A., Vietor, N.A., Neighbors, C., & Patrick, H. (in press). Implicit theories of relationships: Who cares if romantic partners are less than ideal? Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.

McDonald, R., Jouriles, E.N., Norwood, W. D., Ware, H.S., & Ezell, E. (in press). Husbands' marital violence and the adjustment problems of clinic-referred children. Behavior Therapy.

Neighbors, C., & Knee, C.R. (August, 2000). Extrinsic motivation, peer pressure, and drinking among college students. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Patrick, H., & Knee, C.R. (August, 2000). Self-determination: Not everyone wants a romantic partner like themselves. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Paul, G.L. (2000). Evidence-based practices in inpatient and residential facilities. The Clinical Psychologist, 53, (3), 3-11.

Williams, P. & Cash, T. (in press). Effects of a circuit weight training program on the body images of college students. International Journal of Eating Disorders.

Wood, S., Hiscock, M., & Widrig, M. (2000). Selective attention fails to alter the dichotic listening lag effect: Evidence that the lag effect is preattentive. Brain and Language, 71, 373-390.

PsychoPhiles is published bimonthly. Submissions should be sent to Suzanne Kieffer at kieffer@uh.edu or directed to the business office (Room 126 Heyne). All submissions are subject to editing for space and content.

Computing Notes

By now, many of you have met **Alex Botti**, who has been working in the Department since April as a User Support Technician. We are happy to have him as part of this Department and we have opened up an additional similar position...

Part-time User Support Position Available

The Department of Psychology is seeking an individual for a part-time position as **User Support Technician**. General systems abilities and problem solving skills are preferred. Job duties include the following:

1. Provides technical support to users on both software and hardware on personal computers running Windows NT 4.0, Windows 98, Windows 95 on an Intel platform.
2. Analyzes, configures and sets-up computer systems when requested by user departments.
3. Provides instructions on Microsoft operating systems and software to faculty, staff and students.
4. Analyzes, configures and troubleshoots network problems in Windows NT 4.0, Windows 98, Windows 95.
5. Analyzes departmental needs regarding computer hardware and software; provides assessments of technology trends in computer systems.
6. Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

This position is currently posted at Human Resources (posting # 001222). Interested applicants may also contact Sean Woodward at psychservice@uh.edu.



Coffee Break

Halloween is Coming!

Door Decorating Contest:

Friday, October 13 -- have your door decorated by 3 p.m. Our unbiased judges will be Mr. Kal Marchi and Dr. John Vincent. There will be prizes for our top 3 doors! Please contact Sherry Rivera (x3-8512, sherryr@uh.edu) if you plan to enter.

Costume Contest:

Tuesday, October 31 -- come dressed for the holiday! We will have unbiased judges for this event also who will check you out at about 10 a.m. There will be prizes! Also, we are planning to have children from both the UH daycare and human development lab come by to trick-or-treat.

Be sure to check out I/O graduate student, **Erica Klein** at <http://www.connectingya.com/foley.html>. Page down a bit and you will see her photo with professional wrestler and *New York Times* best selling author Mick Foley (aka Mankind, Cactus Jack and Dude Love). The photo was taken in July at the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. Alex Siegel recently traveled to Los Alamos to celebrate the marriage of their son, Jeffrey Siegel to Karen Macek on September 3, 2000.

Grants and Contracts Administrator, **Yolizma Zapata**, and her husband are happy to announce the birth of their son! Jose Reymundo Zapata arrived on Monday,

June 19, 2000, weighing in at 6lbs, 9oz. Congratulations!

The Department would like to thank **Dr. Chris Schatschneider** for his efforts in creating an electronic travel voucher for staff use. His innovation is greatly appreciated!

Volunteer Opportunity

Carolyn Crowley Bellamy, Ph.D., has a background in Developmental Psychology and currently works in Business Consulting in the area of Change Management and Human Performance. She is looking for graduate students (in any specialty area) to work with her doing volunteer work with a national foundation for school reform and Houston area schools. Interested graduate students will participate in [highly collaborative](#) work with others in business, education, and psychology. She will provide support, coaching and guidance to any volunteers. The work will be centered around helping school communities create successful reform efforts.

Volunteers will gain:

- An understanding of key areas of supporting change in organizations and communities
- An opportunity to apply principles of change to school environments
- Facilitation, collaboration, and leadership experience
- An opportunity to contribute to our Houston School Community
- An opportunity to expand their professional network with education leadership in Houston
- An opportunity to work with fun and exciting folks in business, education, and psychology!

The content area will be broad and will include:

- Leading Change Efforts (within schools)
- Creating a Vision for Change
- Creating Plans for Change/Reform
- Leading Teams
- Communication and Ownership

Please contact Dr. Carolyn Bellamy at 281-221-6568 (cell) if you are interested.

On the Lighter Side

In Centralia, Washington it is illegal to shave between July 26th and August 12th.

In Lexington, Kentucky, it is against the law to carry an ice cream cone in your pocket.