



It's Winter Quarter!!!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had an enjoyable winter break and are ready for a new quarter. If you are new to the major, preparing to graduate, or have questions about the Psychology program, check in with us (PS 15) for news, information, and services. You also can find us on the web at: <http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/>



Holly Brothers, graduate student in the Behavioral Neuroscience area takes guests on a tour during the reunion.



Reception for the Department's centennial celebration

The Autumn Quarter was quite busy for the Department. We kicked things off with the Department's centennial celebration and reunion. We welcomed an impressive freshman class. We also welcomed back our returning students eager to jump back into the OSU experience. The particularly "eager" students reportedly jumped into Mirror Lake before the Michigan game!

In this quarter's newsletter, we highlight achievements in research by our undergraduate students, new faculty to the Department, and events in the winter and spring quarters.



Reunion attendees listen to talk by distinguished alumnus Dr. Claude Steele.



Psychology Advising Office Events

The Winter Quarter may be shorter, but no less busy for the undergraduate program.



2007 Career, Internship and Graduate School Fair

We will continue to offer our regular *Major Orientation* for students interested in majoring/minoring in psychology. Please register at: <http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/php/rsvp/rsvp.php?event=Orientation>

We will also continue our *Psychology Enrichment Program* (See page 3 for additional details and to register for these events).

Our main events for the Winter Quarter are the *Annual Applying to Graduate School Workshop (Tuesday, Jan. 22nd & Wednesday, Jan. 23rd)* and the *Psychology Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fair (Tuesday, Feb. 19th)*. Please see the "Undergraduate" section of the

Department website (<http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/>) for more details and registration information.

We hope you can join us and take advantage of these opportunities during this quarter.



Excellence in Research

The Department of Psychology is pleased to recognize our students who have recently received awards for their research.

Autumn Quarter 2007 Colleges of the Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship Competition

Scholarship Recipients & Supervising Professor(s):

Caitlin E. Coyle - Professor Charles F. Emery

Erica D. Ermann - Professor Thomas E. Nygren

Catherine L. Ford - Professor Raymond Montemayor

Maia Greene-Havas - Professor Laura Wagner

Erik L. Knight - Professor Julian F. Thayer

Jessica L. Miller - Professor Charles F. Emery

James P. Pooley - Professors Mark Pitt and Jay Myung

Andrew J. Senita - Professor Kentaro Fujita

Michael D. Weber - Professor Randy J. Nelson

The students listed have won a total of \$22,000 in awards. The Department congratulates these students and their supervising faculty. Applications for the scholarship competition are usually due in mid-April and early November. The AU 2007 application can be found at: <http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/pdf/AU07application.pdf>

Autumn Quarter 2007 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Research Awards

Award Recipients & Supervising Professor(s):

Amy Bremer - Professor Barbara Anderson

Caitlin E. Coyle - Professor Charles F. Emery

Erica D. Ermann - Professor Thomas E. Nygren

Kristen Gardner - Professor John Bruno

Maia Greene-Havas - Professor Laura Wagner

Shane Melanko - Professor Brady Reynolds

Jessica L. Miller - Professor Charles F. Emery

Christina Ross - Professor Raymond Montemayor

Andrew J. Senita - Professor Kentaro Fujita

The students listed have won over \$5000 in awards. The Department congratulates these students and their supervising faculty. Applications are due in November and April. For more information, please contact Deborah Haddad, SBS Assistant Dean at Haddad.2@osu.edu. Please also see the Office of Undergraduate Research (<http://ugresearch.adm.ohio-state.edu/funding2.htm>) regarding additional funding opportunities for undergraduate research.

Psychology Undergraduate Research Colloquium

Are you or have you recently been involved in research in the Psychology Department? The Psychology Department will host its annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium on **Tuesday, May 6th** in the Psychology Building. We invite under-



Students discuss their posters during the Spring 2007 colloquium

Student prepares her poster

graduate students who have been involved in any type of research project (e.g., senior honors thesis, 699 research assisting, course projects, etc.) in the department, to present posters of their work. Applications will be available in early spring quarter.

Participating in the Psychology research colloquium is good practice for those students subsequently competing in the



University-wide Denman Undergraduate Research Forum. It is an accomplishment of note for those students applying to graduate school in psychology. It is also good experience for developing presentation skills.



Students enjoy refreshments at reception

New Faculty



Dr. Jennifer Cheavens joins the Clinical Area faculty. She describes interests in: 1) the treatment of mood and personality disorders in younger and older adults and 2) human strengths and flourishing. More specifically, she has worked on adapting Dialectical Behavior Therapy to treat depression and personality pathology in older adults. She has also done work on the construct of hope as it relates to mood and psychological well-being. She taught Personality Theories (Psych 860) at the graduate level in the autumn quarter and will teach this at the undergraduate level (Psych 530) in the winter quarter.



Dr. Simon Dennis joins the Cognitive Area faculty. He describes interests in human memory and language processing. More specifically, he focuses on episodic recognition, serial recall, and the processes behind the extraction of propositional information from text. He also notes his work on applied projects in the areas of defense, education and information technology. He taught the Psychology of Judgment and Decision-making (Psych 508) in the autumn quarter and will again this winter along with a seminar course - Models of Human Memory and Language (Psych 695.04).



Dr. Michael DeKay joins the Quantitative Area faculty. He describes interests in judgment and decision-making. More specifically, he focuses on judgment and decision-making in the environmental and medical domains. He describes his current research projects as focused on perceptions of ecological risks; ranking health, safety, and environmental risks; precautionary reasoning; and the perceived fungibility of outcomes in repeated decisions. He taught the Psychology of Judgment and Decision-making (Psych 508) in the autumn quarter and will again this winter quarter.

Psychology Enrichment Program

Schedule of Events for Winter Quarter:

Your Future is our Focus: Finding a Job for Psychology Majors. Scott Kustis - Arts and Sciences Career Services, Monday, 1/7, 4:00-5:00pm, PS 035

Mood Disorders, Aggression, & Decision-making, oh my! Getting Involved in Research in the Psychology Department. Psychology Undergraduate Students; Helene Cweren - Under-

graduate Research Office; Dr. Alisa Paulsen - Director of Undergraduate Programs, Monday, 1/28, 4:00-6:00pm, PS 035



Dr. Montemayor discusses "Teens Gone Wild..." during an Autumn Quarter Psychology Enrichment Program event.

Goats, Death, & Dollars: Why You Should Care about Statistics. Dr. Michael Edwards - Quantitative Area Faculty, Monday, 2/25, 5:00-6:00pm, PS 035

Please go to: <http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/html/fye.htm> to RSVP for these events.

Have a great quarter!