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Chair Talk from Brooke

Last month, I had meetings with several Psych Department alums in Toronto at the annual Psychonomic Society conference; Psychonomics is an international research meeting on cognitive psychology. All were graduates of my research lab, and all are gainfully employed as graduate students or assistant professors at top institutions around the country. The photo below is of Chelsea Voskuilen ('10), now a graduate student at the Ohio State University.

Seeing them reminded me that one regret we sometimes hear from our senior majors is that they wish they had seized the opportunity to join a faculty research lab earlier in their Macalester career. Look down our faculty corridor and you'll see the names of 8+ scholars with active and dynamic research programs. For more information on our specific research interests, check out the department website. So think it over. Getting involved with faculty research isn't for everyone, but it might be for you. And remember: when we run into you at a professional conference, the first round is on us!

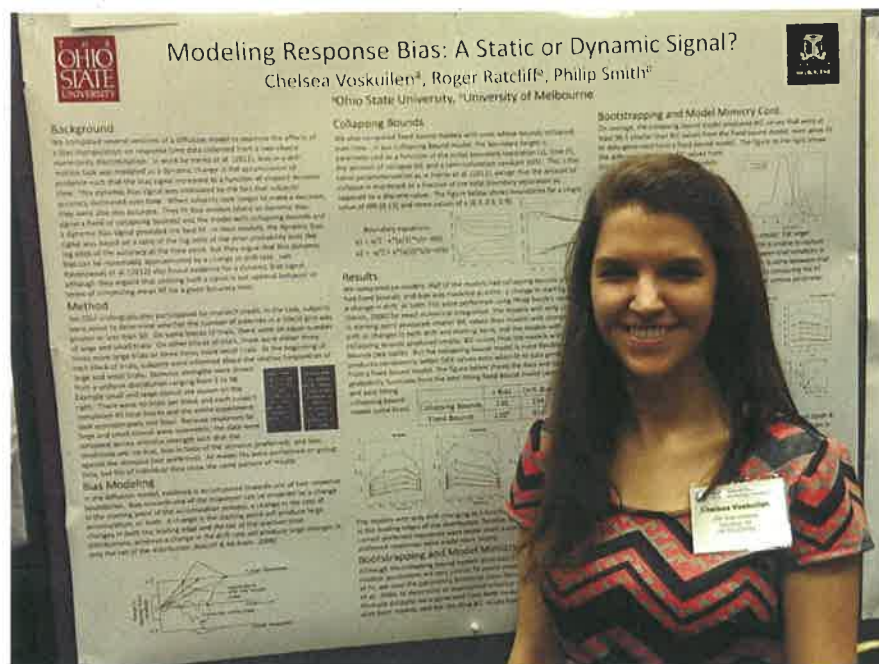


Photo caption: Chelsea Voskuilen presenting her research last month at Psychonomics

Psi Chi Induction

New members were inducted into Psi Chi on November 4th. Psi Chi is the national psychology honor society and majors who have a GPA of 3.65 or better are invited to join. Congratulations to our new Psi Chi members.



Left to right: Theresa Piela, Malisa Harty, Mihaela Barokova, P.J. Murphy, Saraswati Wilson, Evan Myers, Nick Pyzdrowski, Keelia Silvis and Erin Bloomfield-Bortz.

Mesmerizing Major - Madeline Arbisi '14

Favorite Movie: I am not sure if I have a favorite movie but anything with Robert Downey Jr. in it is bound to make me laugh. Comedies and action movies are my go tos.

Favorite Book: The Giver

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Cossetta's! When I was really little every weekend my Dad and I would drive into the Cities and go to the Farmer's Market and then go there for lunch.

What do you do when you are not studying? I love hanging out with my friends, they are always making my days better.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Stillwater, Minnesota.

Interesting fact about your hometown: Stillwater is the birthplace of Minnesota, and in my opinion has the most beautiful historic downtown.

Tell us something about your family: I am lucky enough to have two amazing parents that support me in every area of my life. For example, my parents come to all of my golf tournaments even when it's freezing cold and snowing.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I am proud of all my involvement at Macalester, especially running and being elected for MCSG. I always wanted



to run and be in Student Government in high school but I never did. I am very pleased that I put myself out there and ran for an elected position and it's very exciting to have won and to be involved in Student Government at Macalester

Psycho-babble

Brent Campbell '15 has been a Forensic Coach at Nova Classical Academy for the last year. He has helped lead Nova's team to win the state tournament, representing MN at the 2013 National Tournament for the first time where the team took eleventh place. One of his students also took home an All-American Witness award. Pictured on left, **Sylvia Ferguson '12** and Samuel Kidder were married on June 22, 2013, in St. Louis Park, MN.



Postcards from Study Abroad

Hola from Granada, Spain!

This semester, I've been living and studying in the beautiful Andalusian city of Granada with IES Abroad. It's home to the historical fortress La Alhambra and free tapas (little dishes of food that you get with every drink you order). Granada is a perfect city for you if you're looking to study abroad in a smaller Spanish city - it's cheaper than most European cities and is in every way a Spanish college town. Other perks of Granada include great weather and awesome hiking trails in the Sierra Nevadas nearby. I'd recommend my program to anyone who wants a little bit of everything - city life, nature, good academics, things to do, new cultural experiences, Granada's got it all. It's sad to think that I have less than a month left in this beautiful city, but I miss Macalester



and can't wait to be back! Jennie Kim

Congratulations December Grads!



Jake Hasson



Bryce Hoffa



Stephen Tyndel



Eleanor Vazquez



Mary White

At our Senior Social on Thursday, December 5th, we will recognize them and extend our congratulations.

Search Update

The search for a development psychologist is in the final stages. Three excellent candidates have visited the campus and the search committee now has the hard task of inviting a person to take the position. We have very talented and accomplished candidates and we are anticipating that the decision will not be easy.

The search committee is very appreciative of any feedback you might have about the candidates. If you attended talks or lunches, please make sure to hand in your evaluation before the search committee meets Wednesday morning. You can email it to Lee too.

An announcement will be coming soon. Thank you to all of the students who helped evaluate candidates at the job talks and the lunches, and to the members of search committee who has worked for over 6 weeks on this project.

Senior Social

The Senior Social will be Thursday, December 5th, from 7:00 - 8:00 at Jack and Marty Rossmann's house. Their house is at 99 Cambridge, which is right across the parking lot from the Fine Arts building (also where we have the picnic in the fall). Seniors are invited for drinks and treats as we celebrate and enjoy each other's company before the rush to graduation. Please RSVP to Lee.



Olin Rice Cookie Party, Dec. 10

This is a party where you really get to show off your artistic creative side. All the trimmings will be there for you to decorate a department gingerbread house or your own cookie. Party starts at 1:00 and will go until all the cookies and frosting and decorations runs out. Come early!

Hej from Copenhagen, Denmark!

I am studying through the Danish Institute for Study Abroad. My core course is on Children with Special Needs, and it includes a practicum experience where I volunteer in a Danish school every week. I'm also taking three elective courses, including Danish Language & Culture. I recommend my program for students who want to



study in English but still explore a new culture, such as by living with a Danish host family (I tried that and really enjoyed it). It's also a good program if you would like to travel to other parts of Europe--in addition to an academic trip with your core course (I went to Stockholm, Sweden), there are two other weeks without classes when you can travel on your own, or have time to explore Copenhagen!

This is a picture from Møns Klint, which is on the Baltic Sea about a two-hour drive from Copenhagen. I went there on a day trip offered by DIS. Elizabeth Lieske

Welcome New Majors



Maddie Kornfeld '16 Denver, CO



Leah Wilcox '16 North Yarmouth, ME



Lizzy Raskulinecz '15 Takoma Park, MD



Tessa Danguillecourt '16 Miami, FL



Rowan Hilty '16 Sandstone, MN



Hannah Svec '16 Dummerston, VT



Justin Rasmusson '16 Nairobi, Kenya



Liana Violet Ray '16 New York



Glenna Gransee '16 Kenosha, WI



Sinta Fergus '16 Auburn, AL NS

Poster Presentations Dec. 9th, 4:45 Smail Gallery

Directed Research students will be presenting their directed research projects on Monday, Dec. 9th, at 4:45 in Smail Gallery. The department strongly encourages students who have yet to take directed research to attend this event. It is an excellent opportunity to find out about directed research by seeing the different areas students have investigated. We will have tasty treats too!

Happy Holidays from all of us in the Psychology Department!

Jamie Atkins

Kendrick Brown

Darcy Burgund

Steve Guglielmo

Anna Johnson

Brooke Lea

Julia Manor

Lee Olson

Joan Ostrove

Jack Rossmann

Jaine Strauss

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