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Chair Talk from Eric Unfortunately, the cold weather and snow has found us again! And the new year is less than a month away! It seems like just a few days ago, students were searching for turkeys all over campus, as part of our November turkey hunt for candy. Several of the BIG turkeys were found, and those lucky folks are featured later in this issue of Psychobabble. Missing getting candy for finding turkeys? No worries--this month we have a new game in store! Stop in to my office (when you see me in it) and answer a secret WINTER TRIVIA QUESTION to get candy.

Correctly answering 5 questions in a row gets you a shot at one of 5 Big Winter Prizes! Don't miss your chance to win!

December means the end of the semester is coming, too. But before that, the psychology department has a lot going on. Like... cookies! Who doesn't love cookies? Maybe somebody, but for the rest of us-- there's the Olin-Rice Cookie Party! Stop by to decorate and then eat your own cookie creations. As Fall semester comes to a close, please join us in wishing our December graduates Colton Johnson and Yeaji Park all the best for their post-Macalester futures as we bid them farewell. Seniors will get a chance to do so, and to celebrate their own senior year experiences, at our annual winter senior social on Thursday 12/5. Many thanks to Jack Rossmann, Macalester Psychology Emeritus Professor, and his wife Marty for letting us hold this event at their lovely holiday-decorated home adjacent to campus!

From all of us in the Psychology Department, warm wishes to you and yours as we head toward a new year yet's hope it's a good one.

Poster Presentations Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4:45 - 6:00 Small Gallery

Directed Research students from both PSYC 401 and NEUR 300 classes will be presenting their directed research projects at this fun event. The department strongly encourages students who have yet to take directed research to attend. 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.



Psychology Capstone students enjoyed pizza and pumpkin carving at Professor Cari Gillen-O'Neel's house. Submitted by Cari Gillen-O'Neel.

December Graduates!

We recognize December graduating seniors, Colton Johnson and Yeaji Park. Congratulations and we wish you well in your life after Macalester. Please keep in touch.





Senior Social Thursday, Dec. 5 7:00 - 8:00 Jack & Marty Rossmann's home

Invitations have been sent to all psych senior majors and we are looking forward to a festive time at Jack and Marty Rossmann's home at 99 Cambridge. It is right across the parking lot from the Fine Arts building and also where we have had past picnics in the fall. Senior psychology majors are invited for drinks and deserts as we celebrate and enjoy each other's company before the rush to graduate.

Jack Rossmann is professor emeritus of Psychology and he and Marty have generously offered their home for this social. Please RSVP to Jack (rossmann@macalester.edu) or Lee.

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Olin Rice Cookie Party, Dec. 11 1:00 Smail Gallery

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 your own cookie. Party starts at 1:00 and will go until all the cookies and frosting and decorations runs out. Come early!

November's Big Turkey prize winners



L-R: Shine Chin, Marianne Moreno. Leah Hailu

Introducing You!

There is a new gadget and computer program that will help faculty/staff learn proper pronunciation of your first and last name. **Please stop by Lee's office** for a quick telling of your name into a microphone and a treat. Faculty will have computer access to the recording to hear your proper pronunciation. It will be asked of all new majors when they get their pictures too.



Postcard from Study Away - Nita Senesathith

Hi everyone! I'm currently studying away in Nottingham, England through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). It's almost like Direct Enroll - I'm basically a student at Nottingham Trent University. I'm taking three classes: Community, Health, and Applied Social Psychology; Psychology of Sleep; and one two-credit sociology class. The university is big and it requires much more independence. When I first came, it was almost like starting first year again. I sometimes do miss the tight-knit community and support at Macalester: eg. how I can go talk to my professors during their office hours. However, the workload is much less than Macalester. I only have one big assessments at the end of the semester, which means I have a lot of free time to explore Nottingham and England! The university is right in the city center and every day I can go take a walk, shop, watch movie, and/or eat out very easily. It's very convenient to travel to other cities in England by bus or train and I have been traveling every weekend since I came here! I love it!! One thing I think if I could choose again, I would

maybe choose to come in the Spring because Fall semester in England starts mid September and ends mid December. I feel that I just came here and now I already need to think about leaving. I would highly recommend ISEP to students who want to gain much more independence, like to take initiative, and want more freedom to design their own study abroad experience. Good luck! Nita

Mesmerizing Major - Valeria Bustamante Callejas

Favorite Movie: I don't have one but I love children's movies. Tangled is one my favorites :)

Favorite Book: I don't have one either but really like Retrato en Sepia by Isabel Allende

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Also hard...but Hola Arepa

What do you do when you are not studying? Chill with my friends! We like baking & movies.

Where did you grow up? Quito, Ecuador

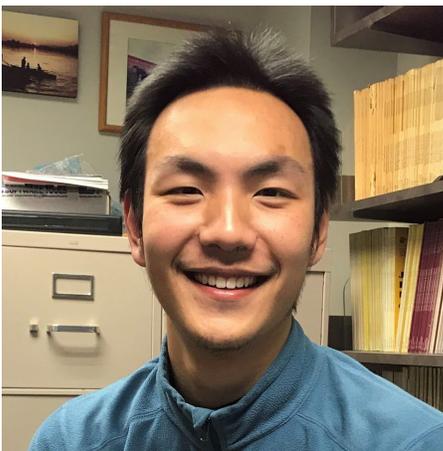
Interesting fact about your hometown: Quito is located in the Andes Mountains so it's elevation is over 9000ft! But in a short 4-hour drive east or west you can get to the Amazon rainforest or the Pacific Ocean, respectively.

Tell us something about your family: They're the most important for me! My parents live in Ecuador but my two oldest sisters live in the US, so it is rare and really special when all of us get to be together.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I think I am good at finding small but meaningful ways to express my appreciation and affection towards people and that is very important to me!



Welcome New Psychology Majors & Minors



Long Hei '22 Beijing, China



Esther Xue Han '22 Beijing, China



Yiming Zhu '22 Shenyang, China



Leah Hailu '20 Bloomington, MN
Minor



Rebecka Ibarra '22 Chula Vista,
CA



Annika Wennerland '22 Minneapolis
MN



Diana Garbison '22 Kansas City, MO



Samara Kurien '22 Bangalore, India



Anne Jayasuriya '22 Eden Prairie, MN



Hawa Turey '22 Philadelphia, PA



Lia Yamasato '21 Lihue, HI minor



Yeaji Park '20 Tacoma, WA minor



Jon Mino '22 Stillwater, MN



Avery Cooper '22 Lindsborg, KS



Jiayi Sun '22 Langzhou, China

Speak Your Truth - Friday, December 6th at 8pm.

This year as part of Mac@Night, in collaboration with the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and Jackson Ullmann '20, Disability Services will be hosting the first ever *Speak Your Truth*--a "speak out" event that highlights the stories of individuals with disabilities and seeks to share truths about life with disability in our Macalester Community.

As companion to this event, select submissions to the speak out will also be published in *See Our Truth*, an anthology. Submission for the event/anthology is open to students, faculty, staff, and recent alumni. You can find additional information regarding the event on the Facebook event page [here](#), and our link for submission can be found [here](#) or on the event page.

All members of the Macalester community are encouraged to attend and support the participants. Thank you!

The Office of Disability Services
The Office of Student Leadership and Engagement
Jackson Ullmann '20

Opportunities

Seeking PCA

Submitted by: Ann Graham, Macalester Neighbor

Wanted: PCA to hang out with my 20 year old, severely autistic son. Looking to fill 10-12 hours a week @ \$14.00 per hour. Please call Ann @ 651-210-0509 or castlegraham@q.com



Psychology Internships at Vermont and Wisconsin Summer Camps

A Perfect Summer of Fun and Professional Development!

WHAT IS CAMP AKEELA?
We're a traditional overnight camp in Vermont and Wisconsin. Our VT camp is on 400 acres in the Green Mountains. Our WI camp and Beyond Akeela (a college readiness program) are set on a beautiful college campus. Many of our campers have been diagnosed with Asperger's or a related ASD profile. All are bright, kind and "quirky" kids looking to develop deeper connections with peers.



WHY WORK AT CAMP AKEELA?
Unparalleled hands-on, real world experience with neurodiverse youth

Build your resume and make professional connections

Hone your leadership, communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills

Competitive salary package, including room and board

Play an integral role in a vibrant & diverse community that changes kids' lives!

HEAR WHAT OUR STAFF HAS TO SAY ABOUT CAMP:
<https://campaakeela.com/staff/why-work-at-akeela/>

Camp Dates 2020

- Vermont: June 18 - August 16
- Wisconsin: June 22 - July 24
- Beyond Akeela (WI): June 22 - August 7

"Working at Akeela was definitely one of the most meaningful and Fulfilling jobs I've had and I loved every minute I was there."

READY TO APPLY? Please visit campaakeela.com OR contact us at staff@campaakeela.com or 866-680-4744



Happy Holidays from all of us in the Psychology Department

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