

Chair Talk from Eric



Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe that another summer has gone by, and Fall semester 2019 is here! The new school year is going to be packed with events across campus-- but first up for the Psychology Department is our fall picnic! Read on here in

Psycho-Babble to get all the details about the picnic coming up on Thursday, Sept. 24.

We have a number of new and visiting faculty in the department this year, so be sure read on in this issue to learn all about these folks and the range of courses they will be teaching. And on that note, one other thing I want to mention is that we are welcoming a new tenure-track assistant professor to the department-- again! That's right, Ariel James, who has taught here in the department for the past two academic years as a Wallin Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow begins a new journey with us all here in the department, starting this year. Be sure to stop by and say hi to Ariel-- again!



Annual Psych Department Picnic

The psych fall picnic is Thursday, Sept. 24, from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Rock Garden on the north side of Olin Rice. If we have rain, it will be in Smail. Everyone is welcome!

You can count on delicious picnic fare: hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, etc. It is always a great time to chat with faculty and other students. Please sign up in class or through Lee to get a ticket. We look forward to seeing you there!





Looking for spring 2019 study away students!

Were you away last semester for a psych related program? If so, please be on our study away panel and talk about your experiences and insights. We're planning a lunch on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 in Olri 352 and would love to have you share a few photos and what you think about your experiences to students considering their options. Please contact Lee if you can be on the panel.



Introducing Visiting Faculty Karen Grabow

Karen M. Grabow, Ph.D., LP Karen Grabow is a consulting organizational psychologist with over thirty years of experience in strategic organizational effectiveness consulting, leadership development and executive coaching. She is the retired Senior Vice President of Business Development Services at Land O'Lakes, Inc. Her prior roles included Chief Human Resources Officer at Land O'Lakes, Inc., Vice President, Human Resources at Target Corporation and Vice President and Director of Organizational Effectiveness at Personnel Decisions, International.

Karen has a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational and Counseling Psychology from the University of Minnesota and is a licensed psychologist in the State of Minnesota.

Karen and her husband, Keith Halperin, live near the lakes in Minneapolis and have two grown daughters. The two are co-teaching Industrial/Organizational Psychology and both of them are delighted to be a part of Macalester's vibrant community as Visiting Assistant Professors.

Keith Halparin

Keith is a Senior Client Partner for Korn Ferry Hay Group, based in the firm's Minneapolis office. He founded and architected the worldwide training practice area at PDI Ninth House. He has been designing and conducting programs to enhance the leadership skills of managers and executives worldwide. In addition to his experience at Korn Ferry via PDI Ninth House, Mr. Halperin served as the human resource planning and development manager for Honeywell's corporate office. He earned a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the U of Kansas. He has been a member of the APA, the MN Professionals for Psychology Applied at Work and Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology.



Marc Pisansky

Marc is currently a postdoctoral research fellow in the Neuroscience Department at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. His research uses imaging techniques in behaving mice to understand (1) negative consequences of opiate drugs on reward circuits of the brain, (2) the therapeutic potential of oxytocin on drug addiction and empathy, and (3) social impairments in autism spectrum disorders. Marc's teaching interests include affective neuroscience, psychopharmacology, and behavioral genetics. He is teaching Psych394: Emotions & the Brain in Fall 2019. In his free time, Marc enjoys Ultimate frisbee, live music, biking around the lakes, and reading in his hammock.



Katrina Schleisman

Katrina Schleisman earned her PhD in 2014 in cognitive neuroscience from the University of Minnesota psychology department, studying the neurobiology of learning and memory as an Institute of Education Sciences predoctoral fellow. Her postdoctoral fellowship in the neuroscience department at the U of M centered on creating and evaluating neuroscience educational technology. She continues her research and development as an applied learning scientist for local ed tech startup Andamio Games, and is currently leading a three-year National Institutes of Health-funded project to create and evaluate an educational game to teach the neurobiology

of addiction to adolescents and young adults in substance use disorder treatment. She lives in NE Minneapolis with her husband and 2-and-a-half year old son. This will be her fifth semester as a visiting professor at Macalester.

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.

Dates for your calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 24 Annual Psych Dept. Picnic 11:30 - 12:30 Rock Garden

Wednesday, Oct. 30 Minnesota Psychological Association Distinguished Scholar Lecture - William Doherty, U of MN. The Citizen Therapist in a Polarized World. 5:30 in JBD.

Watch for flyers and emails about these great events!

Harp-Pollack NYC Public Interest Fellowship - Grete Eherenman

I spent the summer working with The Child Mind Institute, a non-profit organization based in New York City that offers a range of therapeutic options and programs to children of all ages who are dealing with mental health issues. I worked 40 hours a week, one-on-one with children encouraging prosocial behaviors and interaction with their peers. Over the four-week program, we celebrated a lot of success with kiddos starting conversations, speaking in front of the group, and staying calm when frustrated which were three common goals for most of them. The internship was unpaid, so the Harp-Pollack grant allowed me to rent an apartment in Manhattan, as well as pay for necessities and travel. I can confidently say living in New York for the summer was a life-changing experience that I could not have had without the assistance of the grant. I not only gained valuable work experience in the field of clinical psychology, but made numerous professional and personal connections with people who will become my colleagues. I am extremely grateful to the sponsors of the Harp-Pollack grant, as well as Joan Ostrove for the opportunity and Jaine Strauss for her support.

The pictures are both my group of coworkers with our lead counselor on two of our dress up days we had during the last week of the program - first on Carnival Day, and second on Superhero Day where we all dressed up as Captain Underpants!





Welcome New Psychology Majors & Minors



Maddie Hufford '22 Devon, PA



George Kidess '21 Amman, Jordan



Claire Walkosak '22 Lakewood, OH

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