

Psycho-Babble

Macalester College/ May 2011

Important Dates

**May 4 - Psychology
Major Senior
Conversations**

**Groups 11:00
1:30
2:30**

**Individuals
8:30-3:30**

May 5-9 Finals

**May 6 NS Senior
Banquet & Nu Rho Psi
Induction**

**May 13 - 5:00-6:30
Reception for
Graduates & Families &
Friends**

**May 14 - 1:30
Graduation**



Some of the 2011 Senior class

Congratulations Class of 2011

Soon we will be saying good-bye to the class of 2011. It is always a poignant time for us and for our graduates. They are now concluding one of the most significant times in their lives and will look back on it often over the years. We know they are well prepared for the next step in their life journeys, and we extend our congratulations and very best wishes to them all. A special reminder for seniors: We're still here for you even after you graduate, so please stay in touch!

Psychology Graduates

Seyram Addom

Alvaro Ballarin

Ella Bandes

Laura Bush

Julianna Carlson

Devin Carter

Xuexi Chen

Sadie Cox

Rachel Diamond

Nkayo Drepaol

Stefan Dumlaol

Christina Eichorn

Ellen Fitzharris

Manon Gentil

Lauryn Gutierrez

Abigail Gutmann-Gonzalez

Michelle Hood

Sharon Hwee

Zoe Jacobson

Sonam Kindy

Seth Kreielsheimer

Leah Kriebler

Faith Kwon

Mollie Mayfield

Matthew Mitchell

Peggy Polta

Spencer Retelle

Erica Salmon

Vera Sidlova

Sophia Slote

Anthony Tran

Kristina Vlahovicova

Kareen Wilson

Elliott Yodh

Neuroscience Studies Graduates

David Harris

Samantha Shapiro

2010-11 Psych Club Officers

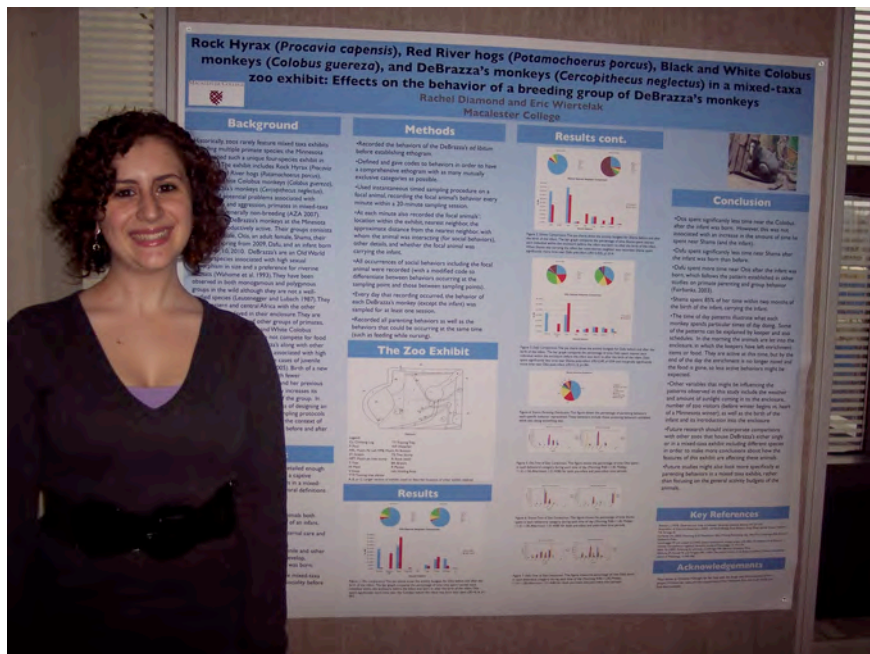
Congratulations to our new officers!

Allison Divine, Jade Johnson, Maria Kuznetsova, Micah Mumper and Bo Scarim.

Also, thank you to our officers who served this year: Ellen Fitzharris, Sylvia Ferguson, Ruben Pena and Colin Westcott for the full year and Faith Kwon in the Fall.

Congratulations to our Honors Graduate

Rachel Diamond – Rock Hyrax (*Procapia capensis*), Red River hogs (*Potamochoerus porcus*), Black and White Colobus monkeys (*Colobus guereza*), and DeBrazza's monkeys (*Cercopithecus neglectus*) in a mixed-taxa zoo exhibit: Effects on the behavior of a breeding group of DeBrazza's monkeys. (Advisor: Eric Wiertelak)



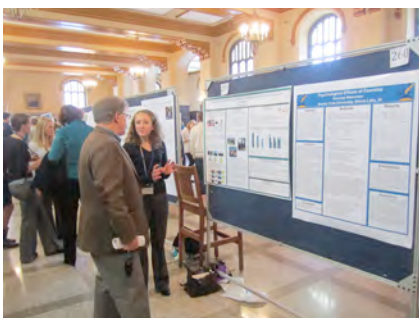
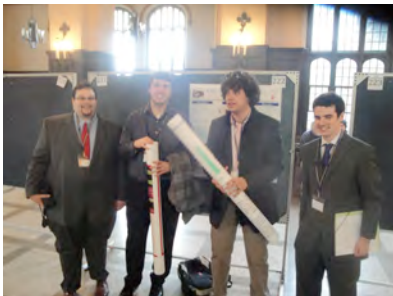
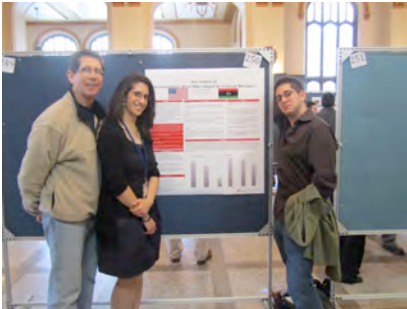
Great Food & Fun at Spring Dinner

The Fifth Annual Spring Dinner was held on Monday, April 12. This has now become an annual tradition where we honor the students receiving awards, our honors students, and our graduates. The food (Italian from Bucas) was delicious and there was plenty of it. There was Italian music and the Psych Trivia game. Fun!



Mac Students Present at MUPC

The 46th annual MUPC (Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference) was at Carleton College on Saturday April 16th. Presenting at MUPC is something all psychology majors do before they graduate. There were 32 students from Macalester who presented their research. The posters used by the students will be hung in the center hallway.



Congratulations Spencer!

Spencer Retelle performed on the semifinals stage at the 2011 College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational. His poem won the award for Best Funny Poem in the competition.

[Spencer Retelle of Macalester College Performs "The Barista's Love Song" \(CUPSI 2011 semifinals\)](#)

Senior Conversations are May 4

Before our graduating seniors leave the campus, we like to have informal conversations with them about their experience as psychology majors. The feedback from these conversations plays an important role in future planning for the department.

The senior conversations will be

on Wednesday, May 4 this year. Seniors have signed up for either an individual conversation which will last about 25 minutes or a focus group with other majors which will last about 50 minutes.

All participating seniors will receive a small gift.

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Reception for Graduates & Families

Invitations have been sent to the families of this year's graduates for the Psychology and Neuroscience Studies reception to be held from 5 to 6:30 on Friday, May 13.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the family members to meet the faculty and for the faculty to meet the families of the graduates. At this reception we attempt to take photos of the graduates and their families and post them on our website.

Where Are They Going?

Our senior majors are all leaving, and we're sure going to miss them. Let's take a look at what some are doing for their next steps.

Lauryn Gutierrez will be living in the cities working as a College Coach for Admission Possible.

Christina Eichorn "I am planning on going for my masters in counseling so that I can be a licensed counselor. I haven't nailed down a school just yet, however. I am currently (and will continue to be) working as a retail manager in Roseville, and will be staying in the Twin Cities for at least another year. I plan on getting married next year to Kevin Williams (Class of '09)."

Manon Gentil "After graduation, I'm moving to Berkeley, CA where I will hopefully find a job or internship in the field of public health or with a local youth development organization. Ideally, I would love to get involved with a youth program focused on health education. I'm also planning to travel to China!"

Peggy Polta plans to stay in the Twin Cities, training and working as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Where Are They Going? con't.

Seth Kreielsheimer says he is not sure exactly what he is doing after graduation, but tentatively he will be working on campus for the summer.

Dave Harris will be working to get his Ph.D. in the Neuroscience Graduate Program at the University of Vermont.

Nkayo Drepaul will be working at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota as an Office Manager/Bookkeeper.

Rachel Diamond plans on staying in the Twin Cities while applying to grad school in Animal Behavior. She has applied to internships that might take her elsewhere, but for now the plan is to work in the cities and continue to volunteer at the Minnesota Zoo.

Vera Sidlova "I will be spending my summer here in Saint Paul! I will be researching with Prof. Paru Shah in the political science and volunteering at the Center for Victims of Torture."

Sonam Kindy will be serving as an AmeriCorps member of Peace First; I will be working in inner-city schools (K-8), teaching peace-making and conflict resolution skills-building curriculum to students in Boston, MA.

Thank you, Sylvia Ferguson, for a great design for the Psych 2011 t-shirt.



Come along for the ride!

Mesmerizing Major: Tommy Symme

Favorite Movie: Aladdin

Favorite Book: Old Thomas



Tommy Symmes

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: My room with friends (Chinese delivery)

What do you do when you are not studying? Play!

Where did you grow up? New Hampshire

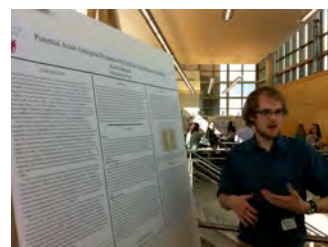
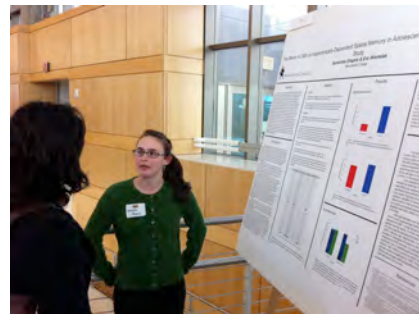
Interesting fact about your hometown: The NH statehouse, which is located in Concord (my town) is the oldest statehouse in which the state legislature still meets in its original chambers.

Tell us something about your family: My older brother doesn't like ice cream.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I love ice cream

Midbrains: Regional Neuroscience Conference

St. Olaf hosted the 5th annual Conference for NS majors Saturday, April 30th. It was a great day with a keynote speech, presentations from the faculty in the different graduate NS programs in the region, student presentations and concluded with a delightful poster session and social!



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Welcome New Psych & NS Majors!

Welcome to the following new majors:

Sarah Fleming '14
Esther Biesse '13
Jesse Carroll '13
Kyanna Jones '13
Elizabeth Watson '13
Eleigh Vazquez '13
Xenia Ewing '14
Jacob Greenberg '13
Suzanne Oh '13 - NS

Have a great summer everyone!
Take care and keep in touch.

We're on the Web!

*Check out the Psychology
web page.*

**FYI - Our home page now has a link
to all the syllabi for the Psychology
and Neuroscience classes.**