

Psycho-Babble

Macalester College / February 2012

Important Dates

REU

Applications due -
various dates

Careers in Psych (with CDC)

Thursday, Feb. 23
7:00
#352
Treats

Careers in Mental Health Lunch

Tuesday, Feb. 28th
11:30 - 12:30
#352
RSVP for lunch

Chair Talk from Brooke

Happy Spring Semester! We hope that you had a restful break and that you're already settled in to the new term. Life around the Psych Department is much as it was in the fall. Darcy and Joan are on leave this semester; we miss them and look forward to seeing them back here in the fall.

Friday Socials are back in full strength again this semester, with new and delicious offerings at the happy hour of 3:20 on Friday afternoons. Stop by and say TGIF with your fellow majors! Rumors that a remote control shark will at the Friday Social sometime soon cannot be confirmed. They can't be denied either, so keep an eye out for flying sharks.

Best wishes to all for a terrific semester!

Info. Session on Australia Trip

The next Informational Session for the January 2013 Australia Course Trip will be February 21st from 11:30 - 12:30 in #352. We will serve lunch as Eric tells you the latest about the course and the trip. Please R.S.V.P. to Lee.

Study Abroad – March 2nd 4:30 deadline

- Each semester we welcome back our majors who studied abroad the previous semester or an earlier semester. This semester the lunch was on Tuesday, February 7 in Olri 352, 11:30-12:30. Students who talked about their program and experience were: **Emily Crenner**, Barcelona, Spain, **Allison Divine**, DIS Program, Copenhagen, Denmark, **Adam Freedman**, Oxford, England, **Bryce Hoffa**, University of Sydney, Australia, **Suzanne Oh**, Hyderabad, India and **Alex Yang** who studied at CUPA - Paris, France.



Paul Nelson from the Study Abroad office attended and reminded those students considering going on study abroad next year that the deadline for expressing interest to study abroad both Fall of 2012 and Spring of 2013 is **March 2nd at 4:30**. Stop by the Study Abroad office in Markim Hall or see the Study Abroad website for more details. Thanks to the panel for sharing their experiences!

Simone French-MPA Distinguished Scholar Lecture Wednesday, April 11th 7:30



Simone A. French, Ph.D.

Research Program: Prevention & Etiology
Professor, Division of Epidemiology and
Community Health

7:30 in Weyerhaeuser

All are welcome!

Interesting Internship for this Summer

One-year tutoring and teaching fellowships are offered at inner-city schools in Boston. Typically after the year, fellows go on to top grad schools or become full-time teachers in high-need schools. All the information can be found at:

<http://www.matchschool.org/matchcorps/howitworks.htm>

So, if you are a Psychology major who has demonstrated unusual grit and determination, please contact the director of the program at the following email address.

Eric S Johnson
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MATCH Charter Public Middle School
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Congratulations newly published author Brooke!



Professor and Chair of Department, Brooke Lea with his newly published textbook. Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences is published by Wiley, and will be used in RIP I & II. (NB: Extra credit will be given for finding Macalester inside jokes among the formulas!)

Majors who are Seniors: Major Plan!

Planning to graduate in May? If so, then now is the time to check your major plan to make sure you've taken care of all of your requirements. Please meet with your advisor and/or Brooke Lea to get this important paperwork taken care of.

Careers in Psych – Thurs 2/23 7:00 #352

Tips from previous Career Panels: Look for chances now to introduce yourself to a potential employer through internships, volunteering and networking (even if networking seems dorky!); always have a plan B because "stuff" happens; consider AmeriCorps because even if they don't pay so well the knowledge and experience is vast and they pay \$5,000 towards student loans or graduate school plus they provide health insurance.

COME HEAR FROM ALUMNI THIS YEAR FOR MORE IDEAS!

Careers in Mental Health Lunch – Tues 2/28

Tuesday, February 28th, in #352 from 11:30 – 12:30, Jaine Strauss will talk over lunch about Mental Health careers. She will speak about a wide range of mental health professions (e.g., social work, counseling psych., clinical psych., psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, school psych) and will explore the ins and outs of graduate training in each discipline.

Please RSVP to Lee please so she can get enough food.

MUPC is Saturday, April 28

The 47th annual Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference is Saturday, April 28th, 8:30-4:30 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. This one day annual conference promotes undergraduate research in the field of psychology and will feature oral and poster presentations of student research. We are also pleased to announce that the keynote speaker will be Dr. Laurie Santos - "The Evolution of Irrationality: Insights from Monkeys." Dr. Santos is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Yale University (Ph.D. 2003, Harvard University). Registration is free and open to the psychology community.

Presenting at MUPC is a requirement of the psychology major at Macalester.

Mid-Brains Conference is next fall

Carleton College will host the annual conference for neuroscience majors this year but it won't be until next fall. The conference will feature a keynote speech, presentations from the faculty in the different graduate neuroscience programs in the region and student presentations. The day concludes with a barbeque for all. We'll keep you posted.

Neuroscience Seminar in Germany

A Neuroscience summer study abroad is offered in Germany this summer. It will be in Berlin, May 26 - June 9th and in Munich, June 10 - 23. The program is run out of the Neuroscience Program at the College of Charleston. Eric Wiertelak was involved in setting up the program. Application deadline is early March. For more information: blogs.cofc.edu/germanneuro.

Mesmerizing Major – Anna M. French

Favorite Movie: Saw 3

Favorite Book: The Giving Tree

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: The Wienery

What do you do when you are not studying? :

I like to cook, eat, play ultimate frisbee, and boogi

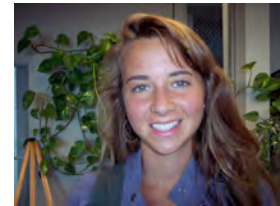
Where did you grow up? Omaha, NE

Interesting fact about your hometown: Also the hometown of Warren Buffet and Malcolm X!

Tell us something about your family: My uncle lives in Bob Dylan's childhood home.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: In third grade I got second place in my school's spelling bee!

Mesmerizing majors are randomly selected from the list of psychology and NS majors.



Anna M. French

Allison Divine – 2nd Al Parchem Fellowship Winner



Allison Divine

Dr. Allen L. Parchem '57 has established an endowed fund to support student-faculty research in Psychology at Macalester. Each year, one Psychology major will be awarded this Research Fellowship to engage in collaborative research with a faculty member. The student is selected by the Psych faculty on the basis of their academic performance in Psych courses and their research potential.

Congratulations Allison! She will be working with Sun No on a research project examining cultural processes.

Alumni, Becky (Levin) Siltan '00 has written an article:
<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publications/observer/2012/february-11-2012-observer-publications/more-than-just-a-grade.html>

2011-2012 Psych T-shirt contest!

Submit your design by February 15th to Lee. The winner will receive a prize yet to be determined, and a free T-shirt. Good Luck!

*Designs that reinforce stereotypes about mental illness are not acceptable. Designs that reinforce stereotypes about psychology (e.g., rats, brains, Freud) are acceptable... but unlikely to be selected. The winning design will be selected by psych faculty in consultation with psych leaders.

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Sylvia Ferguson '12 became engaged over the break to Samuel Kidder, a chef at Cafe Levain in Minneapolis. Congratulations Sylvia & Sam!

Ellen Fitzharris '11 is working at Seattle Children's Home, a residential facility for kids with emotional and behavior problems.

Lauryn Gutierrez '11 is a College Coach for Admission Possible in the Twin Cities.

Peggy Polta '11 is a Nursing Assistant at Episcopal Homes and a Sales Associate at Sixth Chamber Used Books in St. Paul.

Mara Robertson '11 is now a Global Health Commitments Intern at the Clinton Global Initiative in NY.

Sophia Slote '11 is working at Kaplan House, a therapeutic residence for older adolescent males in NY.

Nash Traylor '10 is a "Healthy Food for All" Advocate at churches Active in Northside in Cincinnati Area and an Educator at Gorman Heritage Farm.

A lot of news from the class of 2002 (gearing up for their 10 year reunion): **Mia Simpson** received her masters degree in journalism from the University of Oregon and is currently a technical writer for Medtronic; **Nora Connors** received her JD and MPH from the University of Wisconsin and is now a health legislative assistant for Senator Dianne Feinstein; **Abbey Gurney** completed law school at the University of San Diego and is now a lawyer in San Diego; and **Nevena Pasajlic** did her graduate work at the New School in NY and now works as a communications specialist for UNICEF.

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Welcome Psych & NSS majors!

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Katie Fleckenstein '14 Mauston, WI
Evan Fridley '13
Annalisa Harty '14
James Hasson '13
Melanie Kern '14 New York, NY
Laura Mather '14 Fairbank, AK
Marija Panova '13 Gevgelija, Macedonia
Rachel Voit '14 Appleton, WI
Kate Ibur '14 St. Louis, MO

About Psycho-Babble...

Psycho-Babble is a monthly newsletter for Psychology and Neuroscience Studies majors and other interested students. We welcome contributions from students and faculty. The goal of the newsletter is to inform the community of events, people and issues at Macalester and beyond.

*Be sure to check out
our website.*