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Chair Talk from Brooke

After a summer-like September, October is finally making a credible play at changing seasons. As you begin your library hibernation made up of papers, projects, and exam-prep, please know that the Psychology Department is equally busy. We have begun the process of searching for a tenure track Developmental Psychologist. This month the department faculty will be reading applications. Next month everyone can get involved by meeting the candidates we bring to campus, by attending their job talks, and by getting to know them over lunch. Stay tuned for dates and details about their visits.

This is also the month when every RIP I student is trained to operate the department's eye tracker. The RIPers will run 70+ Introductory Psychology students in a medley of experiments on the tracker. Finally, they will analyze and write up the experimental data as a RIP I project. All this in October! So if you see bleary-eyed people coming out of the iLab, you'll know why. If you're curious about our eye tracking lab you can find more information at www.macalester.edu/ilab, or just stop Annalisa Harty in the hallway – she's the lab manager.

Best wishes for a terrific – and ultimately spooky – October!



Congratulations Steve and Catherine! Emma Sadie Guglielmo is here.



Minnesota Psychological Association Distinguished Scholar Lecture Wednesday, October 9th 7:00 reception/7:30 talk Weyerhaeuser Boardroom

Adolescent Depression: Understanding Relevant Physiological Systems and Factors that Modify Risk

Bonnie Klimes-Dougan, Ph.D., is a professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota. She earned her Ph.D. in Psychology from Florida State University in 1992. Dr. Klimes-Dougan's long-term goal is to explicate risk factors associated with early stages of depression and suicidal risk in an effort to more effectively intervene. Her work utilizes developmental and neuroscience approaches to identify disruptions in stress/emotion regulatory processes that precede, accompany, and are a consequence of depression and suicidal behavior.

Fall Picnic Photos

The fall picnic was a great time to chat informally with other students and to get to know the psychology faculty and staff members.

We enjoyed delicious picnic fare at Jack and Marty Rossmann's house. The weather couldn't have been nicer.















Favorite Movie: The Perks of Being A Wallflower

Favorite Book: Einstein's Dreams

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Chino Latino

What do you do when you are not studying? When I'm not studying I'm either cooking, or out at Lake

Calhoun!

Where did you grow up? Minneapolis, MN

Interesting fact about your hometown: We have a crazy vibrant hip hop culture, and even got Al Franken to

freestyle on stage at First Ave.

Something about my family: We have a unnerving number of coffee mugs in our kitchen...

Something that I am pleased or proud about myself: My Minnesotan accent. You all know you secretly wish you had one.





Study Abroad Lunch

Students who studied abroad last semester told us about their study abroad experiences and offered tips for those thinking of studying abroad. Annalisa Harty, Kathryn Ibur, Qingyang Liu, Paul Rebman, Keelia Silvis and Izzi Speer were on the panel moderated by Evan Myers. Kelsey Schultz from the study abroad office shared general information and answered questions. Some noted highlights of studying abroad: the homestay, traveling during breaks, getting to really know one area, interacting with other cultures, bonding with classmates, and the slower pace of study with time to cook and eat well and to get regular exercise. Some of the low points mentioned: be careful it's not too small of a program, the beginning - adjustment period, language barriers, finding out that some simple things are really hard (like grocery shopping), homesickness and terrible internet connections. Overall advice: try to avoid English as much as possible. If you can't talk the language enough to have conversations with people in it, listen to their news and their music. Be financially prepared. And finally, everyone on the panel seemed to agree that it's so very worth it, do all you can to make it happen. If you want to study off-campus, but aren't sure how to find the right program, Kelsey Schultz can help you sort through options. Contact her to set up an appointment. You must complete an interest form by November 4th for both fall and spring study abroad programs. Filling out the form will initiate the advising process at the International Center. The International Center's website also has a lot of valuable information: http://www.macalester.edu/internationalcenter/offcampus/choosing/















Get to know Steve Guglielmo

I did my undergraduate studies at SUNY Geneseo in western New York, where it was a bit less cold than the Twin Cities but smelled far more like cows. I majored in psychology and minored in philosophy and math. From there, I ventured almost as far west as I could go before falling into the ocean -- to pursue graduate studies at the University of Oregon -- where I ditched the snow for rain and discovered a love for good coffee and microbrews. As fate and an advisor's job change would have it, I ended up heading back east to finish my PhD at Brown University. I then spent a year teaching at Yale University (where my office was in an ivory tower!) before joining Macalester this Fall.

All the while, I've felt fortunate to be able to jointly pursue my interests in psychology, philosophy, and math. My research blends the first two domains, investigating the psychological underpinnings of moral judgment. What makes one behavior more blameworthy (or praiseworthy) than another? What type of information do we seek out, remember, and communicate to others when we make moral judgments? Although philosophers have been examining ethics and morality for millennia, only in the last few decades have psychologists begun to explore these topics, which have widespread implications for social relationships, institutional design, and public policy. My teaching at

Macalester -- in addition to focusing on courses such as Social Psychology and Moral Psychology -- will often incorporate my interests in math and quantitative analysis. As a regular instructor in the Research in Psychology sequence, I'll get to help students develop foundational skills in psychological research and appreciate the importance of research design and statistical analysis in advancing scientific knowledge.

When I'm not wearing my psychology hat, I like to get outdoors to run, hike, and camp, so I'm excited to explore all the natural beauty of Minnesota. I've also been slowly learning to cross-country ski and I grew up playing hockey (and I'm considering picking

it up again), which will help me stay warm during the winter months. And if all of this isn't enough to keep me busy, I just became a proud dad of a beautiful baby girl, Emma, and I think she'll try her hardest to keep my hands full.

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Anna French '13, Neuroscience Studies, will go to Senegal to begin training as an agricultural extension Peace Corp volunteer. She will help local farmers and communities understand and implement more sustainable practices in food production, focusing on soil management, beekeeping, income generation, and sustainable living. Adrian Lein '13, a minor in Psychology, will be in Brazil on a Fulbright Fellowship during the 2013-2014 academic year. Suzanne Oh '13 is now Workshop/ Volunteer AmeriCorps Member at College Possible.

Internship Lunch

Tuesday, October 15th at 11:30 in Olri 352

Are you considering an internship? Come to the Internship Lunch. We will have a lunch panel with students who have finished or are currently doing internships around town. A representative from the internship office will have information available about the internship process. The Psych dept. strongly encourages students to consider doing an internship. The "real world" experience is an invaluable addition to the major. Please RSVP to Lee for the lunch.

Welcome New Majors



Ariana Zaia '16 Austin, TX



Rebecca Hawk '16 Shrewsbury, MA

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