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Chair Talk from Brooke

Soon we will be saying goodbye to the class of 2014. 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 Major Graduates

Madeline Arbisi
Anastasia Armitage
Yevgeniya Berdysheva
Erin Bloomfield-Bortz
Cole Callahan
Mbemba Camara
Autumn Cole
Matthew Edelman
Xenia Ewing
Katie Fleckenstein
Sarah Fleming
Scott Gannis
Annalisa Harty
Elise Hollinger
Julia Huerta
Samuel Humleker
Kate Ibur
Auburn Jimenez
Chloe Kaulas
Melanie Kern

Zoe Kusinitz
Soo Young Lee
Emma Leyden
Qingyang Liu
Emma Mabie
Laura Mather
Kathryn Medinger
Libie Motchan
Evan Myers
Cleo Nagy
Paul Rebman
Aubrey Rickle
Kayleigh Roach
Nadine Rooney
Keelia Silvis
MacKenzie Speer
Mela Still
Trang Tran
Rachel Voit

Neuroscience Studies Graduates

Stephen Anderson
Amanda Currie
Erin Gaidis
Maria Martinez
Jonathan McJunkin
Drake Myers
Megan Schwartz
Keelia Silvis
MacKenzie Speer





Spring Dinner -





Poster presentations for RIP II with Anna Johnson



Psycho-babble

Sharon Hwee '11 is a Program Assistant Coordinator at the Arc of King County in Seattle, WA. It's the oldest program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Postcard from Study Abroad

Greetings from Central America! I'm spending this semester studying social change and community engagement in Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua through the Center for Global Education at Augsburg College. We split our time between countries and have been staying with host families, which has been a great way to practice Spanish and get to know the local culture,. We're headed to Nicaragua this Saturday! (3/29) Although it's always hard to leave a country and readjust again, it's been awesome getting to compare the culture, history, and politics of the countries we have visited thus far. Highlights have included participating in a traditional Mayan ceremony, painting a mural with a Costa Rican immigrant community, and learning Spanish one-on-one in Guatemala. Although I am not taking any Psychology classes while abroad, I got to explain my Psych capstone to my Spanish professor for my final class presentation! (Fun fact: the bystander effect is called "el efecto espectador" in Spanish). For those of you who want to go abroad, think about stepping out of your comfort zone and choosing a place (or places) and academic classes that you are unfamiliar with. I've learned more history in the past two months than I even thought possible! Don't expect to get out of essay writing or class work while abroad, but do expect lots of exciting adventures. :)

Missing the Psych Department and sending sunshine your way!

Heather Renetzky '15
Psychology major, Religious Studies minor

(Our group stopped to enjoy a beautiful field of flowers on the way back from the Irazu volcano in Costa Rica.--Also pictured...Emma Stout '15, from Macalester!)



Mesmerizing Major - Laura Mather

Favorite Movie: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Favorite Book: Animal Dreams by Barbara Kingsolver

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Maria's Cafe

What do you do when you are not studying? I like to be active, see friends, and spend time outside.

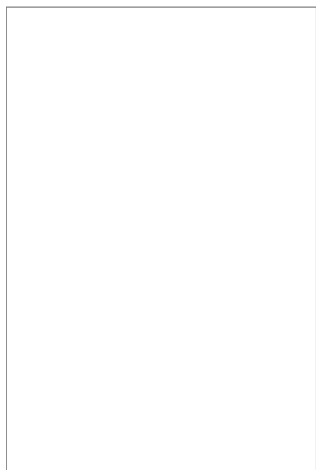
Where did you grow up? Fairbanks, Alaska

Interesting fact about your hometown: During winter solstice there is 3 hours and 43 minutes of daylight, and during the summer solstice 21 hours and 49 minutes of daylight in Fairbanks.

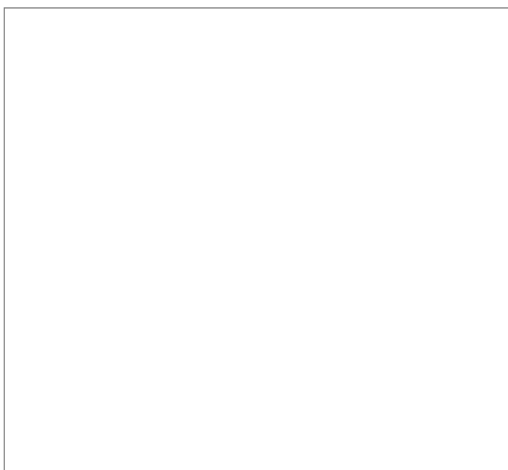
Tell us something about your family: Although my mom and dad still live in Alaska, the rest of my family lives all over the lower 48.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I am graduating in May!

Welcome New Majors



Elena Torrey-Schrag '17
Forest Grove, OR



Kayla Thole '17
Lino Lakes, MN

More photos in September!

Minnesota Undergraduate Psychological Conference (MUPC) photo



Plus see the new board in hallway of all the participants.

Opportunities

Summer Internship Opportunity

Are you searching for research experience on a federally funded study to strengthen your training and expertise?
Would you like to learn about parent child relationships in families experiencing military deployment?
Are you interested in observing parents interact with their school aged children?
Are you reliable, detail oriented, and a team player?

If you answered yes to these questions and are interested in learning about observational coding on the ADAPT (After Deployment: Adaptive Parenting Tools) project in summer 2014, contact Dr. Osnat Zamir at ozamir@umn.edu to learn more. Please contact and include (1) a resume including a list of references, (2) cover letter with description of how this research experience fits with your interests, and (3) a list of psychology, sociology, and behavioral science courses you've completed. The ADAPT project is partially supported with funding from the National Institutes Drug Administration. The coding lab is located in the Department of Family Social Science on the St. Paul campus at the University of Minnesota. With an objective of testing the effectiveness of Parent Management Training in a sample of military families, the ADAPT project is seeking observational coders to assess parenting and coparenting behaviors during 50 minute family interactions. Check out our website to learn more: <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/projects/adapt/about.asp>

- 10 hrs/wk minimum commitment from June 1, 2014 to September 1, 2014 (1015 hours/wk preferred). After training is complete, flexible scheduling options are available.
- Dependability and reliability
- Attention to detail, follow through, and ability to work independently
- Reliable transportation to and from St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota
- Training on the reputable Oregon Social Learning Center coding scheme and learning about Parent Management Training – Oregon Model (PMTO)
- Research experience on a federally funded randomized control trial supervisor by licensed clinical psychologist
- Certificate of hours worked
- Potential for additional research opportunities and development based on performance
- Potential letter of recommendation based on performance

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