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Chair Talk from Joan

Happy April! I hope you all had restorative spring breaks and are energized for the final push to the end of the semester. As always, April is a packed month in the Psychology Department (and around campus) and I'll look forward to seeing you at some of the many exciting events we've got coming up. I want to call everyone's attention to the Spring Dinner on Monday, April 20th, at 5 p.m. and to the Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) on Saturday, April 25th. The spring dinner is a fun and festive event that all psychology students - majors, minors, and people taking psych classes - are welcome to attend. Please plan to join us! More info below... Everyone is also welcome -

encouraged, even - to attend Mahzarin Banaji's talk at MUPC in the Hill Ballroom on April 25th. Even if you're not a Directed Research student presenting at MUPC this year, you'll want to be sure to attend this talk by Banaji, a renowned psychologist who does really compelling work about implicit biases. There's also info below about how to volunteer at MUPC, so please consider doing that, too. If you're a senior, please check out the announcement below about the Do Your Best Test, a critical aspect of our department's assessment activities. And for all of you who aren't graduating, I want to remind you of some key changes to the major that I sent in a recent email: we've renumbered some classes, so RIPII is now PSYC301, and Directed Research is now PSYC401. We've also added the pre-req of an advanced class to Directed Research, which I know has caused some consternation among some of you. Fear not! We have excellent reasons to expect that you will have a much better DR experience having taken at least one advanced class, but if you have significant concerns about how this affects the plan you made when you declared the major, be sure to speak to your advisor who can help you with your particular situation. Happy spring!

Mihaela Barokova is the Paterson nominee!

The Paterson Award is given by the Minnesota Psychological Association to the most promising senior in Minnesota planning a career in psychology. Mihaela has been accepted to a doctoral program in developmental science and has been offered positions several psychology research labs. She will choose among these exciting options soon. Congratulations, Mihaela!



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Agnes Biswalo to receive the Mink Award

The Mink Prize was established in memory of Walter D. Mink, Professor of psychology from 1958-96. This prize is given to a senior who has a strong academic record and has also provided outstanding service to the department, the college or the broader community. Congratulations Agnes!

P.J. Murphy is Rossmann recipient

This prize honors a graduating senior psychology major who has excellent academic record and has also made distinguished contributions in the application of academic psychology through activities such as applied research, internships, or community service. Congratulations P.J!



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Psych Information Lunch - Thursday, April 2nd 11:30 Olri 352

Are you contemplating majoring in psychology? Are you a new major? Do you have questions you would like to ask other majors? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you will want to attend this lunch. Faculty members will talk about the classes they teach and about their research and labs. The faculty then leave the room so students can get the "real scoop." Several current majors will be there to answer any questions you might have about the major. We will serve pizza so please RSVP to Lee by Wednesday (April 1) at 4:00 so we order enough.

Senior Lunch - Do Your Best Test - Tuesday, April 7th 11:30 Olri 352

Seniors! PLEASE join us for the Do Your Best Test Lunch. It will be catered by Shish and your attendance is vital to fulfilling our department assessment goals (you'll be asked to take a multiple choice test that assesses your knowledge in a wide variety of areas in psych and for which you are NOT to study - really!! Don't study, just show up and take it!). Please let Lee know if you are able to attend that day. Seniors unable to attend are expected to make it up at a different time (unfortunately without lunch). Hope to see you all there! Another incentive is that if we get 100% participation, we'll have Dairy Queen ice cream cake at the Spring Dinner (see below)!

Psych Dept. Annual Spring Dinner - Monday, April 20th 5:00 Smail Gallery

Majors, minors and anyone interested in psychology or neuroscience are invited to the 9th annual spring dinner in Olin Rice Smail Gallery. We will have great Italian food, a trivia quiz with prizes, class pictures, recognition of our award winners and fun gathering together. Please RSVP Lee lolson4@macalester.edu

A sneak peek at Northwestern's Psychology Ph.D. programs

Northwestern's psychology department is hosting a program on Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th for undergraduates who are members of groups that are traditionally underrepresented in Academia (including first-generation college students), and who are potentially interested in pursuing graduate study in psychology. Activities will include a workshop designed to help with the graduate school application process and opportunities to meet psychology department faculty members and graduate students to learn what graduate school is like and how they might fit into the various psychology graduate programs (e.g., clinical, social, cognitive neuroscience, etc.). Travel and accommodation costs associated with participation will be covered, and the application process will be fast and free (applications are due by April 14th @ 5 pm). For more information, please see the program website <http://www.psychology.northwestern.edu/about/diversity/sneak-peek.html>

MUPC 2015 Keynote: Mahzarin Banaji, Ph.D., Harvard University



MUPC - Saturday, April 25th 10:45 - 12:15
Hill Ballroom, Kagin

Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People

We think that we know our own minds and that we are able to assess others in a fair and accurate way. Dr. Banaji will challenge these self-perceptions during her talk as she explores the hidden biases we all carry from a lifetime of exposure to cultural attitudes about age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, sexuality, disability status, and nationality. In particular, Dr. Banaji will explain how these biases shape our likes and dislikes and our judgments about the character, abilities, and potential of other people; how biases can be revealed using the Implicit Association Test, a method that has revolutionized the way scientists are learning about the human mind; and critically, how well-meaning people may better align their behavior with their good intentions.

No tickets necessary - open to the public.

Volunteers needed for MUPC - Saturday, April 25th

Macalester College is hosting MUPC this year and it's an "all hands on deck" event for the Psych Dept. We'd love your help. We need moderators, techies, guides, and people to work the welcome desk. If you aren't in DR and would like to help, please contact Lee about the different roles and shifts needed. If you have yet to take DR, this exposure to MUPC will be invaluable for you next year. If you have already taken DR, you know how much we need you for this big event.

Graduating Majors: Major Plan!

Planning to graduate in May? If so, then now is the time to check DegreeWorks to make sure you've taken care of all of your requirements. Please meet with your advisor and/or Joan Ostrove if you need to make any adjustments to your DegreeWorks file.

Psych Leader Nominations

We are eager for nominations for next year's psych club leaders. Leaders play an incredibly important role in the department. We want YOU to consider yourself to become a psych leader.

Psych club leaders build community in the department by helping out with a variety of events, including

lunches, panels, volunteer experiences, guest lecturers, and Friday Socials. Leaders generate ideas for new activities that other students would find engaging and informative, and they inspire other students to get involved in the life of the department. We expect that serving as a Psych Club leader will typically take about 1 - 2 hours a week, although your time commitment will vary from week to week.

Please send names to Lee by Monday, April 13th. The decision about next year's psych leaders is made by faculty.

Presentation

Dr. Zlatan Krizan of Iowa State University is the special guest and invited speaker for University of Minnesota's Department of Psychology's Colloquium Series on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015. The presentation is called *Dissecting Narcissistic Personality*.

Narcissism continues to fascinate psychologists, clinicians, and lay people alike. Despite this construct's century-long history, intense disagreement about the nature, function, and origin of narcissistic personality stubbornly persists. Moreover, disagreements often reflect distinct empirical and theoretical approaches taken by scholars from clinical, personality, or social psychology. In order to provide a synthetic account of narcissistic personality and reconcile divergent views, the talk introduces the Narcissism Spectrum Model and a supporting program of research. The model provides an integrative account of narcissistic traits, their inter-relationships, and their functional distinctions. In addition, the talk illustrates the utility of the model in contextualizing narcissism measures, integrating prior theoretical views, and linking narcissism to related personality dysfunction (i.e., psychopathy, borderline). On the whole, the model offers a promising integration of empirical data on narcissistic personality from various sub-disciplines of psychology.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015, 4:00 – 5:00, N219 Elliott Hall, University of Minnesota

Psycho-Babble

Lauryn Gutierrez '11 has a new job. She is the Fem2pt0/Communications Intern at turner4D (formerly Turner Strategies).



Mesmerizing Major - Judith Syrkin-Nikolau

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ng? I'm usually either dancing or binge watching The
The list goes on (and on and on).

e have the 3rd cleanest water in the country. And we're

ve a mom, dad, and an older brother and sister. I also
on. They love to play outside and get pretty excited when

ith or proud of about yourself: Last semester, I wrote an

opinion piece for the Mac Weekly about my experiences with depression and an eating disorder. It was pretty nerve-racking, but I think it's extremely important to speak out about mental health, so why not lead by example!

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

Welcome New Majors



Max Meyerhoff '17 Portland, Oregon



Emily Sanford '17 Seattle, WA



Melissa Feinman '17 New York, NY



Saakshi Daswani '18 Mumbai, India NS

Summer Internships

Zeus Jones is a progressive marketing consultancy. In the eight short years we've been in business, we've been able to help companies like Betty Crocker, Post-it, Purina, Cheerios, and more fundamentally change the way they engage with consumers by finding a meaningful role in the world.

We're looking for a few bright individuals to join our strategy team as interns this summer. We're interested in bringing on people who want to apply their knowledge in social psychology, cognitive psychology, and developmental psychology to business problems. We'd like to apply your knowledge to projects like: developing a banking product for the financially disenfranchised; rethinking the future of processed food in terms of nutrition and sustainability; developing a service to take the shame and pain out of oral care, etc.

The internship will be for three months, the start and end dates are negotiable. There will also be a stipend, free beer, and the company of some really smart and nice people. To apply, please send a resume with relevant work samples (projects, case studies, papers). Please also complete the following prompt:

Assume you're in charge of creating a service to help break bad habits - smoking, eating junk food, not exercising, etc. What are three questions you would ask to begin creating a solution? Why those questions?

Please submit your materials through this form: <http://goo.gl/forms/2D3QiyuVSv>. Applications will be accepted until April 10th, 2015.

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The ADAPT project is looking for undergraduate psychology students for the summer to work as observational coders. The work includes assessment of parenting behaviors and dyadic/triadic relationship interactions. The coding lab is located at the *Institute for Translational Research in Children's Mental Health (ITR)* at the University of Minnesota.

Osnat Zamir, Ph.D., M.S.W.

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[HR & PR Internship- Summer 15 \(24695886\)](#)

True Friends - Central MN, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Unpaid, Part Time

POSTING DATE: March 24, 2015

END DATE: April 06, 2015

[Talent Engagement Intern - Summer 2015 \(24695902\)](#)

Neighbors, Inc. - Twin Cities Metro, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Unpaid, Part Time

POSTING DATE: March 24, 2015

END DATE: May 24, 2015

[Publishing Internships - Summer 2015 \(24693186\)](#)

Free Spirit Publishing - Minneapolis, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Unpaid

POSTING DATE: March 20, 2015

END DATE: May 29, 2015

[Program and Special Projects Intern - Summer 2015 \(24695739\)](#)

Free Arts Minnesota - Twin Cities Metro, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Unpaid, Part Time

POSTING DATE: March 17, 2015

END DATE: April 03, 2015

[Summer Youth Program Intern - Summer 2015 \(24695695\)](#)

Project for Pride in Living - Twin Cities Metro, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Unpaid, Full Time, Part Time

POSTING DATE: Mar 13, 2015

END DATE: Apr 30, 2015

[Juvenile Probation Officer Aide Internship- Summer 2015 \(24695647\)](#)

Hennepin County - Twin Cities Metro, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship

POSTING DATE: Mar 11, 2015

END DATE: May 31, 2015

[Program Associate Intern- Summer 2015 \(24695640\)](#)

Kids In Need Foundation - Roseville, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Unpaid

POSTING DATE: Mar 11, 2015

END DATE: Apr 11, 2015

[Volunteer and HR Management Internship-Summer 2015 \(24695643\)](#)

Guthrie Theater - Minneapolis, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship

POSTING DATE: Mar 11, 2015

END DATE: Apr 30, 2015

[Summer Intern-Summer 2015 \(24695577\)](#)

Earnest - San Francisco, California

POSITION TYPE: Internship

POSTING DATE: Mar 09, 2015

END DATE: Apr 09, 2015

[Community Resource Specialist-Uptown Inspired Program-Summer 2015 \(24695451\)](#)

Project Footsteps - Minneapolis, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship, Part Time

POSTING DATE: Feb 27, 2015

END DATE: Apr 15, 2015

[Employment Intern-Spring 2015 \(24694108\)](#)

CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio) - St. Paul/Minneapolis, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship

POSTING DATE: Nov 25, 2014

END DATE: May 31, 2015

[Housing Resource Intern-Spring 2015 \(24694109\)](#)

CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio) - Minneapolis, Minnesota

POSITION TYPE: Internship

POSTING DATE: Nov 25, 2014

END DATE: May 31, 2015

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