

Psycho-Babble

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Chair Talk from Joan

Welcome to Fall semester 2015! We in the psychology department are delighted to welcome back those of you who are returning to Mac after a summer or a semester away, and to welcome all of you who are new to Mac. We're also very pleased to welcome some new (and returning) faculty members to our department: Jessica Salvatore is a social psychologist who is visiting in the department for the year; she is teaching a section of intro psych and psychology of gender this semester (see more about her below). Some of you may remember Jhon Wlaschin who taught intro psych for us last fall and is back to teach it again this fall. We are also pleased to have Nathan Schultheiss visiting in Neuroscience Studies, who is teaching sensation and perception.

Our other big news is that the department saw some significant changes over the summer, as our research space was renovated. We now have a spectacular "running room" space that features nine small rooms in which individual research participants can be run through various kinds of studies and experiments that require private, sound proof, distraction-free spaces where precise response data (like reaction times) can be collected. That room is where the computer lab used to be, so the computer lab moved to the north-east corner of Olin Rice. Check it out, you're going to love it! Other lab spaces moved around, as did the Student Lounge, now in 355 and better than ever. We're really excited to start using the new spaces, and are especially pleased about the opportunities for student research and student-faculty collaboration that the new spaces offer us. We will have an official open house sometime soon, but please stop by any time and check out the new digs.



Annual Psych Department Picnic

The psych fall picnic is Tuesday, Sept. 15th, from 11:30 to 12:30 at Jack Rossmann's home, 99 Cambridge, across the street from the Fine Arts parking lot. Everyone is welcome!

Jack is a former chair and professor emeritus of psychology and we're fortunate to be able to use his lovely home and grounds for our picnic. You can count on delicious picnic fare: hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, etc. It is always a great time to chat with faculty and other students. A group will leave from Olin Rice at 11:30, so if you're unsure of the location or just want company, come to the blue house by the department office and we'll walk over together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Welcome visiting faculty - Jessica Salvatore, Jhon Wlaschin & Nathan Schultheiss



Jessica is incredibly excited to be visiting Macalester this year! She is on leave from Sweet Briar College in Virginia. Jessica studies identity and is currently co-writing a book on social justice. This semester she will be teaching Introduction to Psychology and the Psychology of Gender. Potentially interesting bonus fact: her first publication dates back to research she did in high school -- nearly two decades ago (!) -- as part of a project to develop a blood substitute for the Army. If you are interested in working with her on her current work (not involving blood in any way) and/or if you have any "winter management" tips for her, please stop by her office, Olin-Rice 331.

Jhon is a social psychologist interested in understanding how close relationships impact health behavior. He received his training at the University of Minnesota where he specialized in research involving health communication and behavior change. His current research involves understanding how people in different social situations discuss climate change and how they can effectively persuade others to reduce their carbon footprint. Jhon spent several years working in film and television in NYC prior to attending graduate school.



Nathan Schultheiss is a computational neuroscientist and electrophysiologist whose research seeks to illuminate the fundamental principles of brain function in terms of the cellular and circuit mechanisms underlying encoding and neural computation. Nathan received his bachelor's degree in Biology and Psychology from Wake Forest University and his PhD from Emory University. While a graduate student with Dr. Dieter Jaeger at Emory, Nathan was lead editor and co-author of a book on the intrinsic properties of individual neurons that coordinate activity patterns in coupled neural networks. As a visiting assistant professor at Macalester College Nathan is thrilled to be teaching a course on Sensation and Perception in which he bridges aspects of how the brain works with the cognitive experience of a working brain. When he is not obsessing over mechanisms of neural computation, Nathan is also an enthusiastic armchair philosopher, artist and poet, and cunning pool player.

Event dates for your calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Annual Psych Dept. Picnic 11:30 Jack & Marty's house

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Study Abroad Panel 11:30 352

Tuesday, Oct. 6 Grad School Lunch 1:30 352

Wednesday, Oct. 7 Minnesota Psychological Association Distinguished Scholar Lecture - Angus MacDonald (7:30 p.m. Weyerhaeuser Boardroom)

Tuesday, Oct. 20 Internship Lunch 11:30 352

Watch for flyers and more information about these great events!

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Brent Campbell '15 will be attending the nursing program at St. Louis University. **Haisu Wang** '15 is working with people with autism spectrum disorder through Fraser. **Cyrus Hair** '15 is a Program Assistant for the High School Internship Program at the Minnesota Historical Society. **Soo Young Lee** '14 is heading to the University of Chicago's masters of social work (MSW) program. **Abigail Rankin** '12 works at the Ramsey County Mental Health Court. **Suzanne Oh** '13 is a High School Coach for College Possible and in recognition of her commitment to mentoring current students at Macalester, she was the Macbassador of the Month for May, 2015 at the alumni reunion. **Karl Reichter** '12 completed his MSW at the University of Minnesota and will be working at the VA hospital in Des Moines. **Jen Agens** '10 received her PhD in Applied Developmental Psychology from Tufts University and is now doing a post-doctoral fellowship at Cornell University. **Zoe Jacobson** '10 is an editorial assistant at Springer Science+Business Media. **Alison Phillips** '10 received her PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota. And congratulations to **Suman Ambwani** '03 who got tenure at Dickinson College!

Faculty/Staff Summer Challenge

Guess what faculty member or staff person said about the highlight of his/her summer. See answers at end of PB.

- A. Handled logistics of three kids being where they were supposed to be.
- B. Had an enthusiastic student and started an exciting new study.
- C. Family drove out to New York and saw Niagara Falls.
- D. Now a homeowner!
- E. After living 22 years in the Midwest, finally visited a Dakota (South). Loved it and highly recommends it.
- F. Camping and canoeing was a highlight and having a toddler along was challenging.
- G. Highlight was seeing son graduate from high school and bringing him to college last week.
- H. Visited Hawaii. Went to Japan for a conference. Was in Alaska for vacation.
- I. Was in Japan and it was hot and humid. Attended APA in Toronto.
- J. Had a summer of transition that included co-writing a book that is due this fall and working construction doing carpentry, masonry, and lots of shoveling.
- K. Among many highlights was going to Athens, Greece to attend the International Congress for the Education of the Deaf.
- L. One highlight was working security at the Rolling Stone's Concert.



Faculty/Staff: Brooke Lea, Cari Gillen-O'Neil, Darcy Burgund, Eric Wiertelak, Jaine Strauss, Jamie Atkins, Jessica Salvatore, Joan Ostrove, Julia Manor, Kendrick Brown, Lee Olson & Steve Guglielmo.

Study Away Panel Lunch

Each semester we look forward to this event. Students who studied away last semester tell us about their study abroad experiences and offer tips for those thinking of studying away. Students who were abroad last semester and have been invited to speak at the luncheon are: Glenna Gransee (Edinburgh & Scotland), Rebecca Hawk (Granada, Spain), Alena Hejl (Istanbul, Turkey), Jill Merrick (Copenhagen, Denmark), Erin Murray (Lima, Peru), Rachel Rauvola (Copenhagen, Denmark), Alex Ropes (Paris, France), Rachel Seidner (Dunedin, New Zealand), Katie Street (Paris, France), Lauren Wakabayashi (Seville, Spain) and Ariana Zaia (Florence, Italy). A representative from the study away office will attend to answer questions.

Last Spring



Joan Ostrove's research group presented a poster at the Midwest Psychological Association conference in Chicago on April 30. The poster won an award from Psi Chi, the international honors society in psychology. Pictured from left: PJ Murphy '15, Leah Beckmann '16, Maddie Kornfeld '16, Mariam Ibrahim '16, Elena Torry-Schrag '17, Joan Ostrove.

Mesmerizing Major - Svitana Iukhymovych

Favorite Movie: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... and Spring

Favorite Book: (I'm also an English major... Don't ever ask an English major that question) "1Q84" by Haruki Murakami

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: It's a tie between Saji-Ya and Punch Pizza (and hey, they're both nearby)

What do you do when you are not studying? Breakdancing, watching strange films, reading even stranger books, writing, attempting (and miserably failing) to learn how to cook (my new ambition is to learn how to bake American-style pies... Life goal: succeed at making a cherry pie by the time I graduate)

Where did you grow up? between the city of Shepetivka and the village of Hrolyn, Ukraine, by the beautiful Northern woods called the Polissya region

Interesting fact about your hometown: Shepetivka is the birthplace of Nikolai Ostrovsky, the Soviet socialist realist writer who had been paralyzed due to polyarthritis for the majority of his creative life. We have a scarlet wreath-shaped museum of Ostrovsky and the Soviet era that is now also a community art center for persons with disabilities.

Tell us something about your family: Everyone in my family writes poetry, except for my dad.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I can do a headspin. At this point, I can manage to make two full spins on my head.



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

Psych Leaders for '15-16

Psych Leaders this year are Jessica Bernstein, Wendy Chu, Kevin Dowling, Rachel Fogel, Minah Kim and Ali Laske. Please talk to them about any ideas you have on how to make the Psych Club year the best ever.

Friday Socials

Friday Socials are every Friday that classes are in session at 3:20 in the hallway by the blue house. It's a time to socialize with other students, faculty and staff. We have a treat each week and all are invited. This Friday is mango cake from Bravo and it's hosted by the Psych Club Leaders. We will welcome first year students and returning students back to campus. We will introduce visiting faculty: Jessica Salvatore, Jhon Wlaschin and Nathan Schultheiss.

Call for undergraduate research papers

The editors of the Midwest
Journal of Undergraduate
Research invite undergraduate
students at any college or
university to submit
manuscripts from any
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for publication in our
2016 issue.

Requirements

300 word abstract
5-35 pages in length
12-pt Times New Roman/Calibri
Double Spaced
MLA, APA, or Chicago Citations
Submitted in .doc form (Word)
Also include your name, school, class,
major, discipline of paper, citation format,
phone, email, address, & faculty
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Welcome New Majors



Eva Harmon '18 Oakland, CA



Liam Peebles '18 Appleton, WI (NS)



Suhini Ghosh '18 Fremont, CA (NS)



Holley Carlson-Riddle '18 Portland, OR (NS)

Opportunities Internships

Internships are strongly encouraged for psychology majors. The deadline to [register an internship](#) for fall semester is Friday, September 11. However, a one-week extension may be granted to complete registration arrangements. Students can contact the Internship Program for more information. For a much broader range of opportunities than those below, visit [MC2](#) or the Internship Program Office in Kagin. There is also the opportunity to have Macalester pay you a \$10/hr. stipend for an unpaid internship. Contact the Internship Program Office to find out more.

[Prevention Program Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24697507) National Kidney Foundation - Saint Paul, Minnesota **POSITION TYPE:** Part Time, Unpaid, Internship **END DATE:** September 13, 2015

[Research & Public Education Intern - January 2016](#) (24697504) Minnesota Housing Partnership - St Paul, Minnesota **POSITION TYPE:** Part Time, Internship **END DATE:** November 01, 2015

[GetSet to Work Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24691969) The Arc Greater Twin Cities - St. Paul, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Unpaid, Internship

END DATE: October 02, 2015

[Hmong Outreach Intern - Fall 2015/Spring 2016](#) (24695294) The Arc Greater Twin Cities - St. Paul, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Paid, Internship END DATE: October 02, 2015

[Nursing Students for Choice Fall Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24697409) Nursing Students for Choice (NSFC) - St. Paul, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Paid, Internship END DATE: September 04, 2015

[Adult Tutoring Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24697383) Hennepin County Library - Minnetonka, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Unpaid, Internship END DATE: September 11, 2015

[Agency Relations Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24697379) Second Harvest Heartland - Golden Valley, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Paid, Internship END DATE: September 15, 2015

[Corporate Programs and Research Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24697380) Second Harvest Heartland - Golden Valley, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Paid, Internship END DATE: September 15, 2015

[SNAP Outreach Intern - Twin Cities Metro - Fall 2015](#) (24697382) Second Harvest Heartland - Golden Valley, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Paid, Internship END DATE: September 15, 2015

[Family Focused Program Intern- Fall, 2015](#) (24693135) Washburn Center for Children - Twin Cities Metro, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Unpaid, Internship END DATE: September 11, 2015

[Child Care Assistant Minneapolis/Maplewood - Fall 2015](#) (24693195) Tubman - Minneapolis, Maplewood , Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Unpaid, Internship END DATE: February 29, 2016

[Resident Health Program Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24694992) Our Saviour's Housing - Minneapolis, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Internship END DATE: September 24, 2015

[Employment Intern for New Americans - Fall 2015](#) (24692286) International Institute of Minnesota - Saint Paul, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Unpaid, Internship END DATE: December 31, 2015

[English for Work Classroom Assistant - Fall 2015](#) (24692287) International Institute of Minnesota - Saint Paul, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Unpaid, Internship END DATE: December 31, 2015

[Job Readiness Intern - Fall 2015](#) (24696421) International Institute of Minnesota - St. Paul, Minnesota POSITION TYPE: Part Time, Unpaid, Internship END DATE: December 31, 2015

Faculty/Staff Summer Challenge answers: A. Jamie, B. Darcy, C. Julia, D. Cari, E. Jaine, F. Steve, G. Brooke, H. Eric, I. Kendrick, J. Jessica, K. Joan & L. Lee.

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