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Ila Axton at her retirement party December 2013.

Last fall we had the pleasure of presenting our second Distinguished Alumnus Award to J. P. Bilbrey, current CEO of the Hershey Company. Bilbrey graduated from Shawnee Mission West High School in the Kansas City area, received his bachelor’s degree in psychology from K-State in 1978, and went on to a remarkable career in the consumer products business, including 22 years at Procter and Gamble. He continues to maintain his connections to K-State — three of his children have attended, he is the co-chair of the College of

Arts and Sciences steering committee for the next fundraising campaign and he serves on the advisory council for the College of Business Administration. I have been impressed by his down-to-earth and authentic nature as well as his incredible work ethic.

Within the department, there have been a number of changes including updates to multiple classrooms – new flooring for two rooms, a new projector and 20 new computers for our methods/stats lab, and updates to allow video conferencing in the Phares Room. Many of these upgrades are being funded by a new College of Arts and Sciences student fee that the students oversee. We also initiated a new campaign to strongly encourage our undergraduate students to get involved in faculty research labs. Thanks to a small grant from the provost, we have created informational brochures, a new video showing students in action and a better website portal to connect students with opportunities.



Dept. head Michael Young presents this year's Outstanding Alum Award to J.P. Bilbrey.

The department hosted a number of visitors this year. Two alumnae, Kelley Watson with McKesson Corporation and Angela Karrasch with the Army Research Institute, shared their experiences and ideas on how to pursue a successful career in industry and government, respectively. Another alum, April West of Ritz-Carlton Hotels, returned to receive the 2013 College of Arts and Sciences Young Alumnus award and

Greetings from our department head



Two years in and I’ve already fallen in love with a new university. Purple pride has a way of creeping into the bloodstream. During graduation this spring I received a few hugs from students, and I was both pleased and saddened to see them depart for new pastures. I hope every graduate knows that their professors are cheering them on after they depart, and we love hearing from them through their journey.

The past year has been eventful and change continues to rule the day. Professors Heather Bailey, Wendong Li and Charles (“Chip”) Pickens have completed their first year and are already having a positive affect on our students. Jessica Williamson from East Tennessee State University will be joining the department this fall as a social/personality instructor. Ila Axton retired after nine years as our senior administrative assistant, and Adam Adair has stepped in to fill the gap. Richard Harris began phased retirement in January and Clive Fullagar will do so in August. Finally, Sarah Buchanan just completed her first year as our professional advisor. The way in which everyone has welcomed our new colleagues and helped them adjust makes me proud to lead such a wonderful department.

Greeting continued

spoke to one of our classes. I invited Bob Goodpaster of the Hershey Company to spend two days in Manhattan meeting with various campus constituencies including individuals in our department. As a result of this visit, Hershey hired one of our statistics students as an intern, and we are now exploring a joint pilot project between Hershey and psychological sciences faculty. Finally, four visiting professors gave colloquia and met with our students and faculty, including Jeff Stevens from the University of Nebraska speaking on impulsivity, Chris Crandall from the University of Kansas speaking on political cognition, Helen Nasser from the City University of New York speaking on timing and conditioning, and Derek Reed from KU speaking on tanning addiction.

Two new endowed funds were created this spring, the Curtis Lee and J.B. Gee Psychological Sciences Scholarship and the Nobuko S. Nicholson Opportunity Fund for Psychological Sciences. We thank Janet Gee and DeKeta and Mark Schuckman for their generosity! Thanks to our many faithful donors, earlier this year the department was able to offer travel assistance to undergraduates presenting posters at conferences, bring colloquium speakers to campus, pitch in to help behavioral neuroscience faculty afford a new microscope camera, provide resources to support two student thesis research projects and fund multiple scholarships.

Because of continuing budget cuts, we are working even harder to create new revenue streams for the department. Kimberly Kirkpatrick led a large group of faculty in the development of a 593-page National Institutes of Health grant application that is currently under review. This grant would fund a new Cognitive and Neurobiological Approaches to Plasticity Center that would help younger faculty in their transition to becoming independently funded grantees while providing significant facility upgrades and new student resources. Many faculty members continue to write individual and collaborative research grant applications that fund student assistantships and provide equipment upgrades. Finally, we are developing stronger corporate and government agency relationships that will benefit both our partners and ourselves.

The department's 2025 strategic plan has fared well, even under continued challenges. We have already achieved eight of our 11 short-term goals that were targeted for completion by 2015 and made substantial progress on a ninth — refurbishing classrooms and the reception area. We have a set of aggressive intermediate goals for 2020, many of which will depend on acquiring new resources. I continue to remain optimistic given the ongoing hard work of my colleagues and the generosity of our alumni.

To stay abreast of department news, I encourage you to follow us through our Twitter account, @KSUPsychSci; our Facebook page, facebook.com/KStatePsych; or our web site's news section. As always, please email Laura Brannon or Richard Harris any alumni updates for next year's newsletter. Photos are also welcome. Go 'Cats!

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Recent award winners

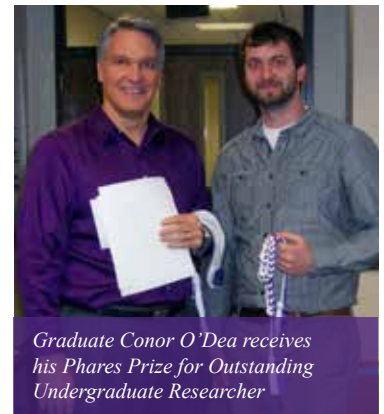
Peterson Prize: Zhe (Maya) Wang

Zhe (Maya) Wang, Jinan, China, received the J. C. Peterson Prize for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology. In addition to an excellent academic record, Wang worked in three different departmental research labs concurrently, including Gary Brase's evolution and cognition lab, Kimberly Kirkpatrick's behavioral neuroscience lab and Michael Young's cognitive/EEG lab. Wang was previously awarded a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship for her project in the Brase lab, in which she studied computational models of how people evaluate mate value of others as a function of their own traits. She also was an undergraduate research assistant at K-State's Mathematics/Q-Center and participated in the 2013 Mathematical Contest in Modeling(MCM)/ Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ICM). Wang is a co-author on a recent conference poster, a published research article and co-author on another paper currently under review. She will be attending the doctoral neuroscience program at the University of Rochester next year.

Phares Prize: Conor O'Dea

Conor O'Dea, Manhattan, received the E. J. Phares Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research. Since 2012, O'Dea worked in both Donald Saucier's social psychology research laboratory and Lester Loschky's visual cognition research laboratory. He has collaborated on many projects in each of those labs, including projects examining how prejudice is perceived in ambiguous situations and how information in visual scenes are processed.

O'Dea received a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship in 2013. He is a co-author on a manuscript reporting the motivations associated with opposition to diversity programs on college campuses and has presented five posters at national and regional conferences. O'Dea will be continuing his education at K-State, pursuing his doctoral degree in social-personality psychology under the direction of Donald Saucier.



Graduate Conor O'Dea receives his Phares Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher

Rappoport Scholarship: Michele Ulmer

Michele Ulmer, Manhattan, received the Leon Rappoport Psychology Scholarship for a nontraditional student in psychology. Ulmer will receive this scholarship during the 2014-2015 academic year. He is majoring in psychological sciences with a focus on behavioral neuroscience. She is working in Mary Cain's research laboratory on a project in which she is examining how the brain changes in response to differential rearing altering vulnerability to drug abuse. According to Cain, "Michele is an extremely motivated student with a passion for behavior neuroscience. While she has only been in my laboratory for one semester, she has quickly acquired the laboratory skills and theoretical background necessary for our research." In addition to conducting research in the fall 2014 semester, Ulmer will also be a recitation leader for general psychology.

Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowships: Madelyn Ray, Derrick Till and Andrew Tenbrink

Three psychological sciences majors — Madelyn Ray, Derrick Till and Andrew Tenbrink — were awarded \$500 Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowships. James Shanteau, university distinguished professor of psychology, established the fellowship, in memory of his wife, Doreen. The fellowship is designed to support upper-division undergraduate students in psychological sciences to work with a faculty mentor on psychological research. The award recipients are expected to conduct their research projects during the 2014-2015 academic year in collaboration with their faculty mentors. They are expected to both present their findings at the department's annual undergraduate research convocation at the end of the spring semester and to submit their findings for publication in a psychology journal.

Ray, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will conduct research on laboratory rats to determine whether lesions of orbitofrontal cortex will impair performance in a novel version of the reversal learning task, in which one choice is rewarded and another choice is incorrect. Then, the choices are switched. Ray predicts that orbitofrontal cortex lesions will impair reversal learning performance, and she will likely follow up this experiment by examining which brain areas the orbitofrontal cortex communicates with in reversal learning. She will conduct this project with her faculty mentor, Charles Pickens, in the area of behavioral neuroscience.

Till, Manhattan, will conduct a study to test his prediction that those who possess extreme liberal and conservative opinions tend to share the similar



Derrick Till

underlying personality trait of social vigilantism. He predicts that group identification and values may not be the primary driving force behind the passionate and rigid promotion of ideological viewpoints. Instead, individuals who possess polarized political attitudes may promote them to fulfill psychological needs to argue that the beliefs they hold are the best. He will conduct his project with his faculty mentor, Don Saucier, in the area of social psychology.

Tenbrink, Shawnee, is studying the effects of explicit performance goals on the timely completion of a video game task. He is particularly interested in whether goals based on the performance of a social cohort will prompt greater behavioral change, and whether higher performance goals will produce greater exploration of alternative strategies in an attempt to meet these loftier aspirations. He will conduct his project with his faculty mentor, Michael Young, in the area of cognitive psychology.

Undergraduate Conference Travel Awards went to Brooke Williams, Conor O'Dea, Derrick Till, Mollie Kennedy and Zachary Dietz.

Graduate Student Conference Travel Awards went to Lora Adair (two), David Arndt, Robin Besse, Haley Dillon (two), Erik Garcia, Susan Himes, Jericho Hockett, John Hutson (two), Alex Jackson (two), Whitney Jeter, Sooyeol Kim, Judy LaValley, Amanda Martens, Stuart Miller, Emily Reinhardt (two), Mathias Simmons, Tammy Sonnentag, Megan Strain, Steve VanKrevelen, Chris Waples, Will Weyhrauch and Taylor Wadian.

Alumni Council



The department's Alumni Advisory Council met Oct. 4, 2013 in Manhattan. Those attending included: Milt Ahlerich, Gail Antenen, Sue Astley, Jenn Bonds-Raacke, Mitch Brigell, Susan Burns, Mike Dougherty, Janet Gee, Amy Gross, Desirae Moreno, John Raacke, DeKeta Schuckman, Jeanne Tomiser, Lisa Way, Jim Wright, Mike Young, Jerry Frieman, Ryan Kenney and various other faculty. We began the day with introductions of new council members and new faculty members. The industrial organizational psychology faculty gave a brief overview of their program. The council then recessed to attend the department's presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award to **J.P. Bilbrey** (B.S., psychology, 1978), president and chief executive officer of the Hershey Company. Bilbrey gave an inspiring talk about his professional experiences and suggestions for success. Council members then took part in one of two well-received panel discussions for undergraduate and graduate students. Finally, the afternoon was spent learning more about the exciting updates of the department. Some sample highlights include: transitions in full and phase retirements of Ronald Downey, Jerry Frieman, and Richard Harris; new hires including Heather Bailey, Chip Pickens, and Wendong Li; grant awards and submissions; external awards and honors for students and members of the department; and continued 100 percent donations by faculty and staff to support the department.



In 2014, the Alumni Advisory Council will meet September 26, building upon the success of last year's meeting with panel discussions/presentations for students, offering another keynote speech from an alum and learning more about the strategic initiatives of the department.

New council members for 2014 include Bill Deeds, Sandi McCoy Kramos, Kelly Burke, Kenneth Sewell, Gary Gaeth, Mike Troutman, Lindsey Firebaugh Bock, William Conaway, Thomas Clark, Frank Ferraro, Andrew Karafa, Rebecca Schlegel and April West.

Alumni interested in being a council member in the future should contact Jerry Frieman at 785-532-0607 or frieman@k-state.edu. Please provide him a brief statement of your interest and your current employment situation. A list of current council members can be found at k-state.edu/psych/alumni/advisorycouncil.html.

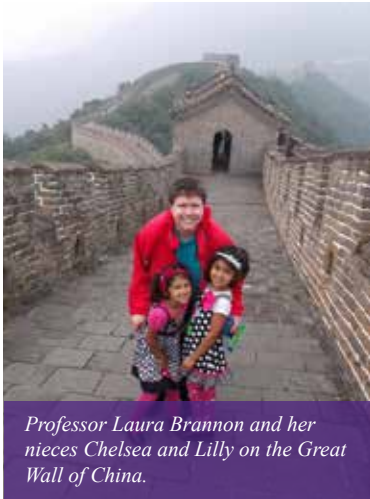
— Susan Burns, alumni council chair, 2014-2015

Faculty News

Heather Bailey had a fantastic first year at K-State. She really enjoyed teaching, getting to know everyone in the department and jumpstarting her program of research. Recently, she was awarded a University Small Research Grant for her work on aging and memory for everyday events. She also received a monetary award through the ADVANCE Distinguished Lecture Series and is excited to use it to bring in Gabriel Radvansky from the University of Notre Dame for our colloquium series next fall. In other news, Bailey and her husband, Troy, are expecting a baby boy at the end of September. Their 3-year-old son, Cooper, is extremely relieved to be getting a brother — not a sister!

Mark Barnett continues to be actively involved in research on social cognition and interpersonal relations among children. His son, Neil, is an account executive for an insurance agency in the Kansas City area. His daughter, Megan, and son-in-law, John, are both attorneys in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Barnett is the proud grandparent to his 3-year-old granddaughter, I Leah, and 1-year-old grandson, Roark.

Laura Brannon continues her research on attitudes and health/pro-social communication. Her students are working on developing messages promoting forgiveness, befriending the lonely, encouraging responsible drinking and eating behaviors, and discouraging texting and driving. Last year she travelled with her sister, brother-in-law and nieces to China, Tibet and various cities in Turkey, including Istanbul. They also went on a Disney cruise to the Bahamas where she parasailed for the first time.



Professor Laura Brannon and her nieces Chelsea and Lilly on the Great Wall of China.

Gary Brase continues to do research on statistical reasoning and social decision-making topics. This spring, three of his undergraduate researchers presented their research at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago. He also was promoted to full professor. His son, Alex, will be attending K-State in the fall.

Mary Cain received a grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse in May 2013 for her work, "The effects of differential rearing on glutamate homeostasis and addiction." Her graduate and undergraduate students have had



Dr. Mary Cain and Christy Peterson

a great year learning the new techniques supported by the grant. This year Cain also completed a yearlong leadership program through the American Psychological Association and was selected as a Fellow of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Her graduate student, Erik Garcia, was recently awarded a Graduate Student Diversity Supplement from the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

Jerry Frieman started his phased retirement in July 2012. He is on a 25 percent appointment and continues to teach Quantitative Methods in the fall. He also continues to work with our Alumni Advisory Council to plan their annual meeting, and last January he received two book contracts. One is to revise his textbook in learning, and the other is to publish the long-awaited textbook for Quantitative Methods. He is working with a faculty member at the University of Illinois-Chicago on the learning textbook and with Don Saucier and Chris Barlett on the Quantitative Methods book.

Clive Fullagar has decided to go on phased retirement starting this year and continuing for five years. He wants to devote more time to his landscape and portraiture painting. His work has been shown throughout the state of Kansas and can be seen at Manhattan's own Strecker-Nelson Art Gallery as well as at clivefullagar.com. Fullagar will continue to teach one course each semester and conduct research on flow. He is currently editing a book, "The Positive Psychology of Flow at Work" to be published by Routledge (Psychology Press) as part of its "Psychology at Work" series.

Richard Harris, is now in phased retirement after completing 40 years teaching psychological sciences at K-State. He will be on a 50 percent appointment through 2015. He continues with research on memory for information and emotion in films with various combinations of subtitles and dialogue, as well as continuing to supervise four graduate students. The sixth edition of his text, *A Cognitive Psychology of Mass Communication*, was recently released, this time with co-author and K-State psychology doctoral alum Fred Sanborn from North Carolina Wesleyan College. Harris also is beginning retirement projects, including writing a book about college teaching, conducting genealogical research, and transferring large numbers of slides and photos to digital format. His wife, Cappy Becker, continues working part time as a nurse. Their daughter, Natalie, recently began work on a master's degree in community counseling at Texas State University. Her twin brother, Grady, is a second-year grad student in zoology at the University of Wyoming. Their older brother, Clint, is professional stage and film actor in Austin, Texas.

Steve Kiefer's transition back to a full-time faculty member in the department this past year has gone extremely well. Teaching and working with students continues to be rewarding and enjoyable. Although he has not re-established his own research lab, he has been fortunate to collaborate with some of his wonderful colleagues. Not much has changed on the family front. Both of his sons, Zach and Brian, live in Denver so he and his wife, Nancy, try to get out to Colorado as frequently as possible. Their extended families continue to grow as nieces and nephews are having their own children.

Kim Kirkpatrick won a 2013 Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing from Elsevier for outstanding contributions as a reviewer for Behavioural Processes, which she joined as associate editor in January 2014. Her



Keith Weber, Jeremy Lott, Paul Brungardt, and Dr. Jennifer Peterson

research with Les Loschky on scene gist in pigeons was recognized by the American Psychological Association in their Particularly Exciting Experimental Psychology, or PEEP, newsletter. She also gave invited talks at two international conferences: The Applied Behavioral Analysis International meeting in Merida, Mexico and The International Conference on Comparative Cognition in Melbourne, Florida. On a

personal note, summer 2013 was her best gardening year yet. She fed a lot of starving undergrads and graduate students, and a few faculty colleagues, as well as keeping her own family loaded with lots of tasty produce.

Patrick Knight will be assuming the role of director for the master's program in industrial and organizational psychology, or MIOP, in July. The MIOP program continues to thrive, with its largest-ever class starting this summer. Throughout the past year, Knight has been working with graduate and undergraduate students on several research projects, including examination of the nature of retrospective measures of work experiences. After traveling to Hawaii for the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology conference this spring, he noted they should have it there more often, as the seclusion forces participants to attend to conference business.

Wendong Li is currently working on several projects related to change in leadership and well-being, specifically looking at individual (e.g., genetic) and environmental influences on sustainable change in organizational behavior. He also has developed some interest in positive psychology. His son, Bo, is almost seven months old and likes looking at the green leaves of the tree in front of their apartment. His wife, Shuping Li, teaches in K-State's College of Business Administration.

Les Loschky has been happily busy with numerous research projects, including work on two grant-funded projects, one for the Office of Naval Research, or ONR, and the other for the National Science Foundation, or NSF. For the ONR project, Loschky is developing a dynamic measure of the useful field of view (the information we can process from our visual field, from central vision to peripheral vision, during a single eye fixation) for use in driving and flight simulators. For the NSF project, in collaboration with Sanjay Rebello in physics and Andy Bennet in math, is investigating the use of visual cueing to improve students' physics and mathematics problem solving. Loschky's oldest daughter, Althea, got married in Boston in July 2013, and his wife, Miki, recently completed her doctoral degree in education at K-State. She will be teaching in the K-State's College of Education this fall.

YoungAh Park was selected for Early Career Scholar award by the Work-Family Researchers Network, or WFRN, and attended the WFRN conference in New York City to present two studies on dual-earner couples' recovery from work stress and college students' work-school conflict. In the spring semester, she volunteered to help her kids' school chess club. She also enjoys playing badminton with her kids at the rec. The family will be visiting their grandpa in Korea for his 70th birthday.

Chip Pickens is enjoying Kansas life. His lab for examining the effects of alcohol on rat behavior is now set up, and two of the undergraduates in his

lab won awards from the department or the College of Arts and Sciences to do research in the upcoming school year. Also, he ran a half-marathon in April in Abilene, Kansas and came close to matching his best time.

Don Saucier's highlights of the year included being invited to speak about teacher engagement at the K-State Teaching and Learning Center's annual SPOTLIGHT celebration of teaching and learning, and being selected as the winner of the Commerce Bank Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Michael Young's family is expanding. His son, Matt, and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child in September — his first grandchild! His son's twin brother, Nathan, got engaged on Father's Day this year with a wedding expected in 2015. Matt is a youth pastor in Illinois and his wife, Stephanie, is a nuclear engineer. Nathan is studying materials engineering at Pennsylvania State University and his fiancée, Elyse, recently started a psychiatric residency at the University of Pennsylvania.

Master's in psychology with an emphasis in industrial and organizational psychology (MIOP)

2014 has proven to be a year of growth for our distance-oriented MIOP program. The number of students affiliated with the program, both enrolled and alumni, continues to grow. This summer marks the start of the MIOP program's 14th year of operation, and boasts 40 students, the largest group to date. Twenty-eight new and returning students joined Clive Fullagar and Patrick Knight for the annual two-week, on-campus summer session, with students arriving from all over the country.

This year also has proven to be a year of change for the MIOP program. Fullagar, our long-time program director, has announced his decision to begin phased retirement. While his involvement in teaching courses for MIOP remains unchanged, Knight has taken up the mantle of program director. Additionally, Chris Waples will be departing from his role as MIOP's resident teaching and program assistant, being replaced by fellow graduate student Lynn Beer. As this new era of the MIOP program begins, we are confident that it will only continue to improve the experience for our students.

Twelve students are finishing their practica in the next few months, and are slated to complete the program in December. Early congratulations to each of you!

Those interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit dce.k-state.edu/artsci/industrialpsych/ or to contact miopsych@k-state.edu with any questions.

— Chris Waples, MIOP graduate assistant



Ryan Ringer



Prof. Clive Fullagar and Mark Barnett after the Dec. 2013 graduation.



Kristen Graham and Nicholas Bright

Psi Chi, International Honorary Society in Psychology

This year, Psi Chi hosted many activities, including panel discussions on grad school application and job seeking, a fall picnic at Manhattan City Park, a spring pizza party at Pizza Hut, and food and clothing drives for the community. Psi Chi helped with All University Open House activities in a new format, replacing the traditional tightrope-walking rats. Psi Chi co-sponsored the annual spring banquet, which was held at Sirloin Stockade. Officers for 2013-2014 were Karen Akao, president; Andrew Maxwell, vice president; Rachel McAdam, secretary; and Kelsey Koblitz, treasurer. Incoming officers for 2014-15 are Chase Kitterman, president; Kristin Graham, vice president; and Kelsey Koblitz, treasurer.

— Richard Harris (rjharris@k-state.edu), faculty advisor to Psi Chi



2013-2014 Psi Chi officers Drew Maxwell, Kelsey Koblitz, Rachel McAdam, and Karen Akao

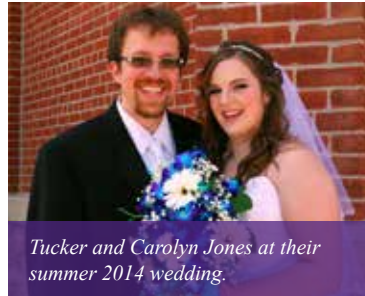
Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS)

The Graduate Association of Psychology Students, or GAPS, had a great 2013-2014 school year. Prior to the start of the fall semester, we held our annual orientation week for all graduate students within the department. The week included several events as a way to welcome the new graduate students to the department and to Manhattan. In the spring, we hosted a successful paintballing event for graduate students and faculty. Finally, the spring semester concluded with GAPS joining together with Psi Chi to host an end-of-the-year awards dinner for undergraduate students, graduate students and department faculty. It was a great way to showcase this year's outstanding achievements by students and faculty within our department. GAPS also has been working on updating the graduate student computer lab. With help from the department, we now have a brand new printer that is available for all psychology graduate students to use. We hope to update some of our more outdated computers in the coming school year.

We expect 2014-2015 to be another successful year. We are excited for the arrival of the new class of graduate students who will be joining us in the fall. As a way to support them in their first year in the department, GAPS is continuing their mentoring program which pairs current graduate students with incoming graduate students. This mentoring



John Smyers



Tucker and Carolyn Jones at their summer 2014 wedding.

program helps incoming graduate students with their adjustment into the program and life as a graduate student. Overall, it has been a wonderful year and we are looking forward to the year to come.

Emily Reinhardt, GAPS President 2013-2014

Obituaries

Renee Slick Coffey (Ph.D., 2002; former K-State psychology faculty from 2003-2006) died in her home in Cape San Blas, Florida, on May 18, 2014. She is survived by her husband and sons Jarrod and Eric Slick.

Larry Letcher (B.S., 1980) died July 29, 2013. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and is survived by his wife Patricia Knight-Letcher and a son.

Alumni News

This news comes from numerous alumni from our undergraduate and graduate programs across several decades. It is always interesting and gratifying to hear that psychology can prepare students for an extremely wide variety of careers. While some of our graduates are doing exactly what they prepared for at K-State, many others are using their degree in ways they probably never dreamed. Please continue to send news and pictures for future newsletters to lbrannon@k-state.edu or rjharris@k-state.edu.

— compiled by Richard Harris and Laura Brannon

1974

Doris Wright Carroll (B.S.) continues as a professor in K-State's College of Education. She received the 2013 Cultural Competency Award by the Kansas City chapter of the Nation's Voice on Mental Illness.

1976

Janet Gee (B.S.) established the Curtis Lee and J.B. Gee Psychological Sciences Scholarship and has endowed the scholarship with a substantial gift to be awarded to one student each spring. Janet has been the primary manager of the family ranch upon the death of her husband a number of years ago. Their ranch also supported oil production in western Kansas. She recently sold the business and honored the department with her generous donation in support of our students.

1977

Mitchell Brigell (Ph.D.) is director of clinical research at Aerpio Therapeutics in Blue Ash, Ohio.

1978

John "J.P." Bilbrey (B.S.) received the department's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013. He is CEO of the Hershey Corporation and lives in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

1987

Daphne A. Ulveling's (B.S.) husband **Maj. Max George Ulveling** passed away on August 15, 2013. He is survived by his wife, son John, daughter Margaret Cellucci and daughter Elizabeth Tomao, all K-State grads from the 1980s. Daphne resides in Omaha, Nebraska.

1990

Margaret ("Peggy") Stockdale (Ph.D.) has been the psychology department chair at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis since 2012. She is a nationally recognized expert in gender issues in the workplace from her work at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where she taught for 22 years.

1995

Brad Hastings (Ph.D.) After serving as the chair of the social science department at Mount Aloysius College for many years, Brad accepted the position of dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at Mount Ida College in June 2013. He now lives with his wife, Maria, and their two teenage sons, Adam and Andrew, in the greater Boston area.

1997

Jennifer Hughes (formerly Lucas) (Ph.D.) was recently promoted to full professor at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she has been serving as chair of the department since 2007. In May, she received the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award for the college and the Best Club Advisor. She is married to Andy Hughes.

1998

Amy Duncan-Allen (B.A.) received her master's degree in clinical psychology from Fort Hays State University in 2003. She has been married for 10 years and has two boys (ages 5 and 3). She has been working in children's mental health in various positions since graduating from K-State and has been in part-time private practice in Topeka, Kansas since 2010, providing psychological testing for children and adolescents.

Richard Walker (Ph.D.) and two co-authors recently published "Pollyanna's Revenge: How Memory and Emotion Foster Happiness." Walker teaches at Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina.

1999

J. Andrew Karafa (Ph.D.) and his wife, Thuy Pham Karafa (M.S.), adopted Andrew Harang ("Drew") Karafa from Korea in March 2014. Drew was two years old in April 2014. The happy family is at home in Big Rapids, Michigan, where Andy and Thuy both teach at Ferris State University.

Angela Karrasch is the senior research scientist and team leader at the Army Research Institute for Behavioral and Social Sciences at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where she has been since graduating from K-State. She also is the mother of two teenage sons.

2000

Christina Scott became the proud mother of twin girls, Caitlin and Cassidy, on June 30, 2014. Scott is on the psychology faculty at Whittier College in Whittier, California.

2001

April West (B.S.) received the Young Alumni Award from K-State's College of Arts and Sciences in 2013. She is Director of Human

Resources for the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co. in Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. She also earned her M.S. from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego and her Ph.D. from Alliant University, both in Industrial-Organizational Psychology.



2002

Susan Burns (Ph.D.) left Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa last summer to accept a position as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. Burns oversees more than 40 undergraduate liberal arts and pre-professional programs, an adult degree program, and seven graduate degree programs. Susan is the incoming chair for the department's Alumni Advisory

Council. (susan.burns@clarke.edu)

Christopher Loersch (B.S.) earned his doctorate in social psychology at Ohio State University in 2009 and is currently a senior postdoctoral research associate in social neuroscience at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado. He studies cognitive processes that influence social judgment, behavior and motivation outside of conscious awareness. He also examines how social forces affect our responses to music and alcohol advertising, as well as the impact of alcohol consumption on mental processes and the neural underpinnings of these processes.

Jolyn (Whitaker) Sena (B.S.) earned a specialist in education degree in school psychology from the University of Kansas in 2005. She continues to reside in Lawrence, Kansas and works as a psychologist for the Ottawa school district.

2003

Brian R. Johnson (M.S.) was promoted to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He is currently an assistant professor and human factors discipline lead in the department of behavioral sciences and leadership at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

2004

Lindsey Firebaugh Bock and her husband Daniel welcomed their son Finnegan Olin Bock on June 22, 2013. They live in Prairie Village, Kansas.

2005

Chelsea Mueller Bartel (B.S.) earned her doctorate in school psychology from North Carolina State University in 2012. She is currently a researcher at the 3C Institute, an organization that develops programs to improve social and emotional learning for children and adolescents. Additionally, she recently wrote "Social Skills Assessment Through Games: The New Best Practice." The book explores the advantages of using game-based platforms to assess children's social skills by providing insight into how game-based social skills assessments can be used to inform and enhance social interventions with children in schools and at home. Bartel's research interests focus on children and families with specific interests in consultation and communication within school-based problem solving teams. Bartel and her husband, Jonathan, have two children and live in North Carolina.

2006

Travis Flewelling (M.S.) and his wife, Amy, welcomed their son Elijah Vincent Flewelling into the world on March 18, 2014. He joins two older

sisters, Morgan and Ava, at home in northern Illinois.

Tirza Shulman (Ph.D.) married Jody Kuhnz in 2013. Shulman taught at the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac until 2014 as well as Moraine Park Technical College.

2007

Kelley Watson (Ph.D.) recently took a position as senior director of organization design and change at the McKesson Corporation in The Woodlands, Texas. Watson and her husband **John Mutschink** (Ph.D., 2007) live in the Houston area. She gave a department colloquium at K-State in May 2014.

2009

Zachary Maier (B.S.) is a product manager for Google in New York City.

2010

Maura Mills (Ph.D.) and her husband Matt Armstrong welcomed their son, David James Mills-Armstrong, on June 18, 2014. Mills teaches industrial-organizational psychology at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York.

2011

Gwendolen Powell (M.S.) married Pavlo "Pasha" Pylyavskyy on September 21, 2013. Pasha is on the faculty in the math department at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Powell graduated from Luther Seminary in May 2014 with a Master of Divinity degree. She now works as a chaplain. The couple lives in Roseville, Minnesota.



Gwendolen Powell and her husband Pavlo Pylyavskyy at their 2013 wedding.

2012

Gabriel Bachura (B.S.) is now an administrative specialist in K-State's College of Arts and Sciences' dean's office.

Nathan Finster (B.S.) works at Prairie Ridge Hospital in the Kansas City area as a psychiatric residential treatment facility counselor.

Pam Foster (Ph.D.) is now director of affirmative action at Washburn University.

Russell Webster (Ph.D.) is on the psychology department faculty at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

2013

Donte Bernard (B.S.) is in graduate school for clinical psychology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Bernard recently learned that he was selected as a recipient for the Ford Fellowship. For his master's thesis, he will be examining how different dimensions of racial identity moderate the relationship between different forms of racial discrimination and the imposter syndrome.

Patricia Brady (B.S.) is in nursing school at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri.

Samantha Brandt (B.S.) is studying for her master's degree in marriage and family therapy and counseling at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

Jericho Hockett (B.S., M.S., Ph.D.) is beginning a tenure-track position as assistant professor of psychology at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

Jeffrey Hyder (B.S.) recently began medical school at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Conor O'Dea (B.S.) is beginning studies for a doctorate in social psychology at K-State. He is continuing his research on prejudice.

Chelsea Schnabelrauch (M.S.) and **David Arndt** (M.S.) were married in July 2014. Both are continuing work on their doctorates in psychological sciences at K-State.

Chase Therkelsen (B.S.) is beginning studies for a master's degree in public health at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

2014

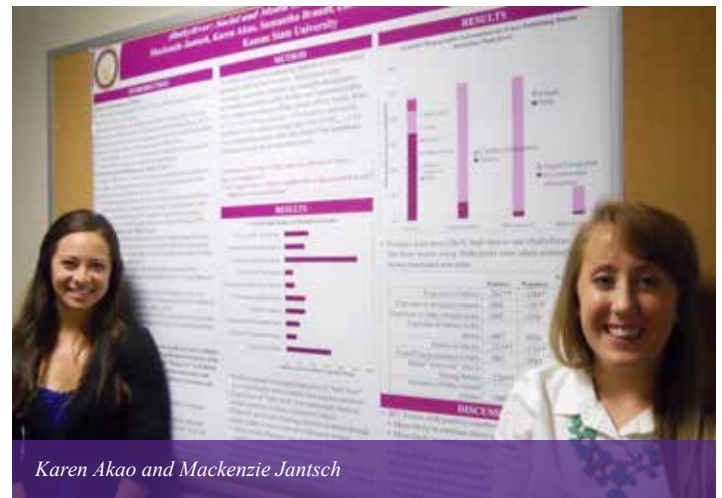
Carrie Booth (B.S.) is working on her master's degree in industrial psychology at Emporia State University.

Allison Coy (B.S.) is now in medical school.

Jacob DeHart (B.S.) is beginning studies for a master's degree in school psychology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas.

Tyler Goevert (B.S.) works as a case manager at Pawnee Mental Center in Manhattan, Kansas.

Mackenzie Jantsch (B.S.) is beginning graduate school in marriage and family therapy at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.



Karen Akao and Mackenzie Jantsch

Mollie Kennedy (B.S.) is in graduate school for forensic psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.

Connor Kring (B.S.) is in law school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Andrew Maxwell (B.S.) is working in the Kansas City area and plans to pursue a doctorate in social psychology.

Tammy Sonnentag (Ph.D.) completed a year in a temporary position at Washburn University and is now teaching at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Manpreet Rai (Ph.D.) is now Assistant Professor of Psychology at D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York.

Briana (Caspers) Rickabaugh (B.A.) is now living in Emporia, Kansas.

Tanner Rohrer (B.S.) is beginning law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Jordan Spratt (B.S.) is beginning graduate school in industrial-



Graduate Connor Kring receives his honor cords.

organizational psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Megan Strain (Ph.D.) is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in Kearney, Nebraska.

Zhe (“Maya”) Wang (B.S.) is in graduate school for neuroscience at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York.

Brooke Williams (B.S.) is studying for a doctorate in counseling psychology at the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.



Briana Rickabaugh and her husband Cole on Briana's initiation into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

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