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Greetings from the department head

Hello from Bluemont Hall! When I arrived at Kansas State University in 2012, a five-year term seemed like a long time but now it has come to an end. I have agreed to a one-year extension but have not committed to a full second term. Stay tuned!

The department is undergoing significant change with three professors retiring this year — Jerome Frieman, Richard Harris and Stephen Kiefer — and one new professor joining us, Bethany Plakke. The departure of three people who have invested so much into the department has caused me to reflect on their enormous influence. They contributed decades of their lives to generations of students. For a department that has only existed for 66 years, these retiring faculty have been here for well over half of that history — 35 to 49 years — and interacted with most our department's graduates.

Every retiring professor leaves a legacy of students they taught and advised, research they published and university service. The most satisfying part of being a professor is the privilege of affecting people's lives in such a fundamental way. The emails that I receive from my previous students, the hugs I get from my former advisees when I see them at a conference and the pride of reading of their successes all make the hard work worthwhile. I am especially humbled when a student I barely knew approaches me many years later to tell me how much of an impression my class made on them, or how something I said was uttered at precisely the right time in their life.

Higher education is rapidly evolving, but many of these changes are threatening our ability to serve all our students. As of this fall, the department will have 20 percent fewer faculty than it had in 1985 while serving twice as many undergraduates. There are also 50 percent more master's students and double the number of doctoral students. The consequences are obvious. Faculty are also increasingly expected to generate additional revenue through grants and fundraising. These changes are the result of a state that is now providing only 19.5 percent of our revenue rather than 53.4 percent as it did in 1985. Despite these changes, faculty still find ways to motivate, inspire and work alongside a great many students each year.

We graduate a great many alumni who had wonderful experiences at K-State, many of whom are featured in this newsletter. I do worry about the nameless students who were unable to form strong relationships with faculty, graduate teaching assistants and undergraduate peers, either due to our lack of time or the demands of their own work schedules. Because there are so many more students in our midst, there is so much more that an adequately resourced K-State can do to make a positive impact on the world. A legacy of service to the forgotten is a legacy worth leaving behind.

On behalf of the department, I appreciate the many gifts that we have received from alumni, friends and our own faculty over the years. Every gift makes a difference. Contributions to scholarships, opportunity funds, faculty enhancement funds, awards and excellence funds all leave legacies. Thank you!

— Mike Young



Michael Young, professor and head, Department of Psychological Sciences

Psychological sciences faculty receive an \$10.6 million center grant



The COBRE grant team, from left: Heather Bailey, Lester Loschky, Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Charles Pickens and Mary Cain.

The National Institutes of Health awarded a \$10.6 million, five-year Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence, or COBRE, award to fund the establishment of a new research center focused on cognitive and neurobiological approaches to plasticity, or C-NAP. Kimberly Kirkpatrick will serve as program director and Lester Loschky will serve as associate director. The center will fund three primary faculty projects at K-State: those of Heather Bailey, Mary Cain and Charles Pickens. The award also provides funding for renovating the current behavioral neuroscience core and establishing a new neuroinformatics core in the K-State engineering complex. The center will develop multiple programs, spark new collaborative research teams, and establish multiple training initiatives involving other centers and units nationwide.

— Kim Kirkpatrick

Recent Award Winners

The Department of Psychological Sciences recognized this year's departmental award winners at an event on April 25, 2017.

John C. Peterson Undergraduate Scholarship Prize for outstanding graduating senior



Mike Young and Mary Hellmer

Mary Hellmer, senior from Shawnee Mission, received the John C. Peterson Undergraduate Scholarship Prize for outstanding graduating senior. She was the Psi Chi Honor Society president this past year, conducted research in Mark Barnett's lab, is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and will work in K-State student affairs after graduation.

E. Jerry Phares Undergraduate Research Award

Navanté Peacock, senior from Wichita, was this year's recipient of the E. Jerry Phares Undergraduate Research Award. His research with Don Saucier entailed the study of perceptions of racial micro-aggressions as harmful, intentional and racist. This fall, he will be a psychology doctoral student at the University of Kansas. Navanté was also this year's recipient of the University Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Research and winner of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Undergraduate Student Poster Award.



Navanté Peacock and Mike Young

Curtis Lee and J.B. Gee Psychological Sciences Scholarship

Hannah Greer, a sophomore from Wichita, is the winner of the Curtis Lee and J.B. Gee Psychological Sciences Scholarship. This award is based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need.

E. Jerry Phares Undergraduate Research Award

The Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award was presented to **Erik Garcia**, of Centennial, Colorado, and **Stuart Miller**, from Wamego. The recipients received monetary awards from the Nobuko S. Nicholson Opportunity Fund for Psychological Sciences.



Stuart Miller



Mike Young and Eric Garcia

Grand prize in the individual freshman category of the Kirmser Undergraduate Research Awards



At the undergraduate level, **Emma Brase** won grand prize in the individual freshman category of the Kirmser Undergraduate Research Awards for her project, "Visual Neglect and Mental Representations: Current Status and Issues."

Emma Brase, left, receives her research award from Lori Goetsch, dean of K-State Libraries.

2017 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award for excellence in classroom teaching

At the regional level, doctoral student **Amanda Martens**, from Shelby, Iowa, received the 2017 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award for excellence in classroom teaching.



Amanda Martens

Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Awards

Karli Kubik, junior, Wichita; Emilio Rivera, senior, Junction City; Taylor Hofeling, junior, Great Bend; Jennica Rogers, junior, Manhattan; Jesseca Pirkle, junior, Arenzville, Illinois; and Bree Humburg, junior, Ness City, were this year's recipients of the Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Awards. These awards provide funds enabling students to conduct research with their faculty mentors. Kubik will be working with Don Saucier to examine how perceptions of female responses in sexual assault cases and masculine honor may be related to factors that promote and prevent women from reporting instances of sexual assault.



Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Awards recipients, from left: Bree Humburg, Mike Young, Karli Kubik, Jesseca Pirkle, Jennica Rogers, Emilio Rivera and Taylor Hofeling

Rivera will be investigating the potential moderating effect of romantic rejection techniques on the relationship between male masculine honor adherence and expected aggression following romantic rejection by a woman, also with Saucier. Hofeling, working with Chris Lake, will study the effects of African-American vernacular English on the interview process. Rogers will examine whether playing commercials containing emotional content during a television show will positively influence or disrupt memory recall for a show's content as she conducts research in Heather Bailey's lab. Pirkle will work with Kimberly Kirkpatrick to examine how excess insulin in the bloodstream affects impulsive choice. Finally, Humburg will investigate the effects of different abstinence periods and environmental protection on sucrose incubation and accumbal protein expression in Mary Cain's lab.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Finally, the department announced three winners of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award: **Tucker Jones**, Mosca, Colorado; **Conor O'Dea**, Manhattan; and **Jared Peterson**, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Their awards were funded by the department's Graduate Teaching Assistant Support Fund, generously supported by our alumni.



Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award recipients, from left: Conor O'Dea, Jared Peterson and Tucker Jones with Mike Young.

The Outstanding Graduate Research Award/Harry Helson Memorial Scholarship

The Outstanding Graduate Research Award/Harry Helson Memorial Scholarship was received by Stuart Miller, Wamego. Stuart has co-authored 13 journal articles and book chapters, and recently co-authored a book on quantitative data analysis with Frieman and Saucier. He is completing his doctorate under the supervision of Saucier.

MIOP

The Master of Science in psychology with an emphasis in industrial and organizational psychology, or MIOP, will welcome its 18th class in summer 2017. During the last 17 years, Clive Fullagar and Patrick Knight have mentored more than 200 graduates of the MIOP program. Students from across the nation have traveled to Manhattan in the summers, and many have taken additional courses online through K-State Global Campus. MIOP is among the most successful and highly ranked industrial/organizational master's programs in the country, thanks to its hybrid on-campus and distance education format.

If you are interested in learning more about the MIOP program, please visit global.k-state.edu/artsci/miop/ or contact us at miopsych@k-state.edu.

— Patrick Knight

Psi Chi

Psi Chi completed another active year under the leadership of Mary Hellmer, president; Teresa Kearns, vice president; Erika Fraire and Kristen McGatlin, secretaries; and Jennica Rogers, treasurer. This was also a year of transition as Heather Bailey co-advised with Richard Harris, who retired in December. Some of this year's activities included panels on graduate school applications and on counseling and clinical psychology. Psi Chi also had a hot chocolate fundraiser for campus food pantries, a trivia night with graduate students and faculty, a used clothing drive, and a wonderful spring banquet with Jerry Frieman as the honored speaker. The officers for 2017-2018 are Ian Davis, president; Abigail Basham, vice president; Kristen McGatlin, secretary; and Jennica Rogers, treasurer.

— Heather Bailey



Jerry Frieman as the invited speaker for the Psi Chi banquet.



Psi Chi officer initiation. From left are Teresa Kearns, Jennica Rogers, Kristen McGatlin, Ian Davis and Mary Hellmer.

Alumni Advisory Council

Our Alumni Advisory Council had its 10th annual meeting on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, in Manhattan. The following members were in attendance: Milt Ahlerich, Gail Antenen, Sue Astley, Regina Barker, Lindsey Bock, Jenn Bonds-Raacke, Mitch Brigell, Tom Clark, Will Conaway, Bill Deeds, Joel DiGirolamo, Frank Ferraro, Janet Gee, Amy Gross, Andy Karafa, Sandi McCoy, Desirae Moreno, Steve Quackenbush, John Raacke, Lodis Rhodes, DeKeta Schuckman and April West.

The day began by introducing new faculty members Jin Lee and Chris Lake. Don Saucier presented on whether our undergraduate program and curriculum are serving students well.

The council then heard from faculty in the social/personality program. Jessica Williamson discussed her research on personality and health factors. Saucier described research that examines individual differences in situational factors that affect antisocial intents, behaviors and experiences. Laura Brannon provided an update on her research on attitudes and persuasion, especially with respect to mental and physical health. Finally, Mark Barnett shared a brief overview of his 41 years of research at K-State, which has focused primarily on social-emotional development in children.

Next, Mike Young provided the council with an extended review of the department. He covered department staffing updates, including the phased retirements of Jerry Frieman, Richard Harris and Clive Fullagar. Young discussed undergraduate and graduate programs and gave an update on grants and department infrastructure. He also shared alumni, staff and student awards, honors and recognitions.

Janet Gee was elected to chair the 2017-2018 Alumni Advisory Council following the meeting.

The council attended "Want Career Success? Use Some Psychology," a research presentation by Joel DiGirolamo. After the presentation, council members took part in a panel discussion on undergraduate degree career options or informal discussions with graduate students. The afternoon concluded with a research walkabout, during which graduate students discussed their research council members.

Alumni interested in being a council member should contact Young at 785-532-0602 or michaelyoung@k-state.edu. Please provide a brief statement of your interest and your current employment. A current member list can be found at k-state.edu/psych/alumni/advisorycouncil.

— Lindsey Bock



Alumni Advisory Council meeting

Faculty News

New Faculty

BETHANY PLAKKE

Bethany did her postdoctoral work at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry where she studied the neural circuitry involved in communication and memory processes. Her research focused on understanding the role of the frontal cortex in auditory and multisensory memory, cognitive functions that are frequently impaired in autism spectrum disorder. Her future work will continue to examine the underlying neurobiology that contributes to sensory processing and working memory and that may be disrupted in autism. She earned her doctorate at the University of Iowa and enjoys hiking and birding.



Individual Faculty News

HEATHER BAILEY

Heather continued research on how younger and older adults comprehend and retain everyday activities. Over the past year, she has been busy writing grants and taking on more service in the department. Heather Bailey works with a fantastic team of graduate and undergraduate researchers who have presented their research at regional and international conferences this year.



Heather Bailey and family

Heather's busy household includes her husband, Troy, and their two sons, Cooper and Cole. Cooper, 6, started kindergarten this year, and Cole, 2, is quickly growing. The family just purchased a new house in Manhattan.

MARK BARNETT

Mark remains active in research and teaching in his 42nd year at K-State. With the retirement of three "old" colleagues and friends — Dick Harris, Steve Kiefer and Jerry Frieman — during the 2016-2017 school year, he is slowly adjusting to being the most senior faculty member within the department.

Mark's wife, Valerie, is an instructor in K-State's management department. His son, Neil; daughter, Megan; son-in-law, John; and two grandchildren — 6-year-old Leah and 4-year-old Roark — live in Overland Park. Mark treasures the time he spends with his family.

LAURA BRANNON

Laura continues her research on attitudes and health/prosocial communication. Her students are working on research messages involving promoting forgiveness, befriending the lonely and encouraging responsible behaviors.

In her personal life, she recently traveled to Hawaii with her sister for some new adventures. She flew with a jet pack attached to her back, drove a submarine scooter and went scuba diving. She and her family visited Las Vegas for spring break, where she drove an ATV quad in the Nellis Dunes and went rafting in the Grand Canyon.



Laura Brannon at Nellis Dunes

GARY BRASE

Gary continues his research on judgments and decision-making and was elected this year as a fellow in the Association for Psychological Science. He is particularly excited about his doctoral student, Jordann Brandner, receiving a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue research at K-State. Gary also has been developing an open access/alternative textbook for general psychology and teaching the History and Systems in Psychology course.

Gary and his wife, Sandra, have enjoyed having the entire family on campus this year, as their son Alex is headed into his final year in journalism and mass communications, and their daughter, Emma, will start her second year at K-State studying neuroscience.

MARY CAIN

Mary continues her term as the president of the Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Cognition for Division Six of the American Psychological Association, or APA. She also serves as the liaison for the Committee on Women in Psychology for Division 28 — psychopharmacology and substance abuse. Her outstanding students presented their research at the Society for Neuroscience and the Nebraska Symposium on Motivation annual meetings last year. In addition, she enjoyed giving an invited talk to the Department of Psychological Sciences at the University of Missouri. Her graduate student, Erik Garcia, recently completed his dissertation. Mary looks forward to the continued successes of her students.

CLIVE FULLAGAR

Clive Fullagar continues to enjoy phased retirement. This year the book he co-edited with Antonella Della Fave, "Flow at Work: Measurement and Implications," was published by Routledge. All royalties from the sale of the book will go to The Fullagar Wamego Vacation Fund.

Clive recently became a proud grandfather. He also recently won first prize in the Symphony on the Flint Hills juried art competition for a painting, "Sundial." Clive has art on display in three campus buildings: the College of Business Administration, Staley School of Leadership Studies and Wefald Hall.

KIM KIRKPATRICK

This has been a good year for the Reward, Timing and Decision Laboratory. Two new full-time research assistants joined the lab working on Kim's recently renewed R01 grant project. Cassi Friday has a master's degree from the University of Kentucky and Carrie Bailey received her bachelor's degree in psychological sciences at K-State. Kim's lab also had several undergraduate research award winners this year and many busy students. Catherine Steele, supported by an NSF fellowship, was selected as one of 10 graduate students representing K-State to the state Legislature, discussing her work on diet-induced impulsivity. Sarah Stuebing, a research assistant on the R01 grant, has been busily working on her rodent episodic memory model. Kim is very proud of her students' progress.

Kim's family also has been very busy. Sam is a sophomore at K-State and has been working on his food science degree. Stu continued to work toward his doctorate in social psychology and won several teaching and research awards. He will be joining the department as an instructor next year. Stu and Kim celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in December and took a trip to the Florida Keys. They also found some time for camping, gardening and visiting family.

PATRICK KNIGHT

Patrick continues to serve as director of the Master of Science in psychology with an emphasis in industrial and organizational psychology, or MIOP, program. In December 2016, he completed the hooding ceremony of his 21st doctoral student.

Since his wife, Diane, retired in 2016, Patrick has been spending more time making improvements to their home to accommodate visits from their three grandchildren.

CHRIS LAKE

After joining the department in fall 2016, Chris is wrapping up his first year at K-State. He continues to research workplace decision-making, workplace commitment and psychometrics. In 2017, his work was published in the Journal of Behavioral Decision Making and was presented at the Association for Psychological Science, Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, and Society for Judgment and Decision Making. Chris has been busy setting up his research laboratory, which now includes a mix of graduate and undergraduate I-O students.

When not in the office, Chris may be found working on projects in his garage, writing at a local coffee shop or traveling to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Chris enjoys spending time outdoors, hiking, taking photographs and traveling. He frequently visits his wife, Kim, who works for the University of Minnesota.

JIN LI

Since Jin Lee joined Kansas State University in August 2016, he was awarded a university small research grant for his work on heterogeneous patterns of occupational risk/benefit perception across temporary and non-temporary workers. This study will be presented at the annual conference of Human Factors and Ergonomics Society in Austin, Texas, in October. He has also published new studies in Applied Ergonomics and Accident Analysis Prevention through a continuing collaboration with Yueng-Hsiang Huang's safety climate research team at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Additionally, he began collaborating with Jennifer Taylor and her research team at Drexel University in Philadelphia on a project to improve the safety and health of fire service workers, funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

He greatly enjoys seeing pictures of his niece and nephew in South Korea, though he thoroughly enjoys teaching and researching in Manhattan.

LES LOSCHKY

This past year, Les has been busy helping his three senior graduate students — Ryan Ringer, John Hutson and Jared Peterson — finish their doctoral degrees. Les also worked on coordinating an Office of Naval Research, or ONR, Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative, or MUURI, grant proposal with nine other colleagues at various U.S. and European universities. The grant proposal was among a small number to move past the first round of reviews, but unfortunately was not funded. He is now researching other funding sources to submit a similar grant proposal.

Last summer, Les, his wife, Miki; their younger daughter, Sophia; and her significant other, Ryan, traveled to Japan for the wedding of Miki's niece, Anna. This was the first time Sophia had visited Japan in 22 years and she really enjoyed being with her Japanese family members. Les and Miki will be visiting Japan for six months next year for his sabbatical.



Joo-hyun, a daughter of Jin's elder brother, is holding Joo-ho, her younger brother.

CHIP PICKENS

In the last year, Chip published papers on the long-term effects of alcohol on discrimination learning in Behavioral Brain Research and on the effect of the hallucinogen ketamine on learning in Behavioral Pharmacology. He has several papers under review or in preparation. Two students in his lab won College of Arts and Sciences Research Awards during the spring semester. Additionally, four undergraduates and two graduate students from his lab presented research posters at regional or national conferences, with one undergraduate winning an award. He also continues to help his students be admitted to graduate programs, including a student starting at Columbia University in fall 2017. Chip recruited a new graduate student for his own lab for next year.

He enjoys family life with his wife, Sarah; their son, Auggie; and their dog, Ellie. They are expecting their second child in September.



Auggie Pickens

DON SAUCIER

This year, Don won the Kansas State Book Network Faculty Award and was the keynote speaker at the Kansas Academic Advising Network annual conference in Overland Park. He and his students presented their research at the conferences for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, Texas, the First-Year Experience in Atlanta, the Southwestern Psychological Association in San Antonio, and the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago last year. He also co-authored a textbook, "Principles and Methods of Quantitative Data Analysis," with Jerry Frieman and graduate student Stuart Miller that was recently published by SAGE Publications.

JESSICA WILLIAMSON

Jessica has accepted a tenure-track position at California State University in Bakersfield, California. The school is ranked third nationally for moving students from the bottom fifth income distribution to the top three-fifths income distribution, so Jessica is excited to be part of a school that does so much for its students. Her paper, co-authored with student Kelly Serna, on labeling theory and sexual assault outcomes was accepted for publication in the Violence Against Women journal. Jessica also applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant to create an online class that she will continue to teach for K-State after her departure.

MICHAEL YOUNG

This was a busy travel year for Michael. He attended conferences in Boston; Greenville, South Carolina; Vienna, Austria; Norman, Oklahoma; and Melbourne, Florida. His semester concluded with a trip to Texas Tech University to evaluate its psychological sciences department.

While in Europe, he and his wife, Carolyn, spent time with their daughter, Rachel, who is teaching English in Prague, and zipped over to Bratislava and Budapest for a day. The trip ended with a 22-hour layover in Dublin, so he visited five European capitals in nine days! This summer will involve catching up with family in Philadelphia and Illinois. His son, Nathan, lives in Philadelphia and just accepted a job as a semiconductor engineer. His son, Matt, and daughter-in-law, Stephanie, are expecting their second child.



Mike Young and family

GAPS

Each year, I continue to be impressed by the many ways in which students, faculty and friends of the department show their support for one another and of their commitment to the department and its students. As Jerry Frieman pointed out at this year's spring banquet and awards ceremony, it's important to exercise mindful habits and think critically about what we know and learn. In this short note, I'd like to invite you to consider some of the evidence that has led me to the conclusion that this department is a community of excellent scholars, teachers and friends.

Graduate student membership in the Graduate Association of Psychology Students, or GAPS, tripled for the second year in a row, representing an increased commitment to the graduate student and departmental community. This growth afforded GAPS the opportunity to expand engagement through an event partnership with our sister organization, Psi Chi. Our trivia night brought together undergraduate students, current and prospective graduate students, and faculty in a relaxed environment that encouraged conversation and built relationships throughout the department. We hope that future events continue to strengthen relationships among our diverse group of students and faculty.



The I/O team hard at work at the GAPS end-of-year picnic.

GAPS also sponsored its first door-decorating contest to share graduate student research with undergraduates and visiting alumni. For a brief time, graduate student doors were decorated with colorful and creative depictions of research. These decorations sparked conversations about research topics and encouraged graduate students to think more broadly about their work and communication with the public. These are just a few of the many ways that I've observed our students, faculty and friends foster a community spirit within the department. Thank you for all that you do to make our little world within the university a wonderful place!

Next year's officers will be Conor O'Dea, president; Kimberly Newberry, vice president; T.J. Wukitsch, mentor chair; and Hayley Fisher, treasurer.

— Lisa Vangness, GAPS president

Honor Roll of Giving to Psychological Sciences

July 2016-June 2017

\$10,000-\$49,999

Joel and Karen DiGirolamo

\$5,000-\$9,999

Michael and Dee Troutman

\$1,000-\$4,999

Milt and Alice Ahlerich
Mitch and Deborah Brigell
Bill Deeds and Pam Hoadley
Ron Downey and Irene Ward
Jerry and Jeanne Frieman
John Hill
Jerwen and Chain-Hua Jou
Kenneth and Beth Sewell

\$500-\$999

Charles and Michelle Hendrix
Kim Linin and James Devlin
Dallas and Sharon Richards
Lisa and Jason Way

\$250-\$499

Amy and Jason Beckman
Gene and Peggy Hoffman
Ronald Meredith
Michael Young

\$100-\$249

Suzette Astley
Troy and Heather Bailey
Janet and Gordon Blake
Gary and Sandra Brase
Kristin Bruno and George Barnes
Anne Curd
Paul and Brenda Detrick
Kim and Rick Flott
Richard Harris and Caprice Becker
Susan Heil
Lance Lunsway and Denise-Noelle Halle-Lunsway
Andrew and Emily Marshall
Sandi McCoy Kramos and Greg Kramos
Kim Kirkpatrick and Stuart Miller
Gregory Monaco and Jeanne Tomiser
Brett and Carol Murray
Bruce and Michele Perrin
Jeffrey and Sylvia Reed
Akim and Jami Reynolds

Aurora Rowland-Martinez and Sonny Martinez
Kevin and Helen Schartz
Kirk and Noel Schulz
Robert and Lisa Simmons
Wendy Strevey-Tien and Loren Tien
Kelly and Angie Taylor
Henry and Angela Thorpe
April West
Carl Westphal and Davonne Loup

Up to \$100

Laura Brannon
Helen and Timothy Brown
Pat Brown
Garra and Marita Cohen
Regina and Jim Crowell
Cindy and John Diederich
Clive Fullagar and Dorothy Farrand
Jill Graham
Pete and Shelly Jafferis
Jessica Jones
Stephen and Nancy Kiefer
Celeste and Scott Kirmer
Christopher Lake
Olivia Law- DelRosso and Mackenzie DelRosso
Jin Lee
Laura and Bob Liu
Ann and John Maskarinec
Charles Pickens
Darci Pottroff and Joleen Spain
Richard and Catherine Pringle
Rebeka and Frank Scalia
Jan and Dana Schroll
Deanna and Keith Siemsen
Denise and Mace Thornton
Anita and James Tobaben
Mark and Jeanne Trechter
Carrie Turpen
Jessica Williamson
Randy and Kathi Zohn

Land Grant Legacy Society

Joel and Karen DiGirolamo
(Honors alumni and friends who have chosen to support the university by including K-State in their estate plans.)

Obituaries

JAMES C. MITCHELL

Professor Emeritus James C. Mitchell died at the age of 81 on Dec. 24, 2016, at Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan. He was born July 30, 1935, in Youngstown, Ohio. James earned his Bachelor of Science in 1957, Master of Arts in 1959 and his doctorate in 1962, all from Ohio State University. James served as research associate in neurosurgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and as assistant professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University before joining the Kansas State University faculty in 1966. James taught undergraduate courses in introductory, general experimental, history of psychology, learning and physiological psychology. His research was focused on central nervous system function and behavior with an emphasis on the limbic system and frontal cortex. He was a member of several honorary and professional societies and had numerous publications.



PHOEBE SAMELSON

Phoebe Jones Samelson, 88, widow of former professor Franz Samelson, died in Manhattan on April 21, 2017, after battling Alzheimer's. She was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Bates College and a Master of Science in nursing from Yale University. She met Franz in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and they were married for 60 years until his death in 2015. Moving to Manhattan in 1957, Phoebe worked as a school nurse and later as a pre-health advisor in K-State's College of Arts and Sciences until her retirement in 1991. Phoebe loved nature and was instrumental in starting the docent volunteer program at the Konza Prairie Biological Station. She also was active on the Manhattan-Riley County Board of Health, the Kansas State Nurses Association, the League of Women Voters, the Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Phoebe is survived by her daughter, Karen Samelson, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, three sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

— Richard Harris

DEBORA LEE CLOUGH

Debbie Clough died peacefully in her sleep at home on Sept. 20, 2017, at the age of 58. She was born in Needham, Massachusetts, on Dec. 18, 1957. Clough grew up in Stoughton, Massachusetts, graduated from North Adams State College and earned her doctorate in psychology from K-State in 1984. She had a 30-year career in human resources, leadership training and development for the federal government, mostly with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA. In 2001, she became one of the original leaders of the TSA, created as a direct result of 9/11. She hired more than 80 executives in the first few months of its creation. She loved spending time with family and friends, travelling and took pride in her career. Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Carol Street Clough. She is survived by her husband, Donald Myers; father, Richard Clough; two sisters, Kathleen Clark and Lori Marcoulier; sister-in-law, Cathy Hersh; and nieces and nephews: Chris, Patrick and Kira Clark; and, Zachary, Sarah and Cameron Marcoulier.

Alumni News

These updates come from numerous undergraduate and graduate alumni through the decades. It is always interesting and gratifying to hear that majoring in psychology can prepare students for an extremely wide variety of careers. While some of our graduates are actively pursuing careers doing exactly what they prepared for at K-State, many others are using their psychology degrees in ways of which they probably never dreamed. Please continue to send news and pictures for future newsletters to lbrannon@k-state.edu.

1968

Milt Ahlerich, B.S., 1968, retired after 25 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and 15 years as chief of the National Football League's security department. Milt has formed a security consulting firm and provides support to law firms, security companies and sports/entertainment venues.

1977

Mitch Brigell, Ph.D., 1977, was inducted as a Gold Fellow of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, or ARVO, at the 2017 annual meeting in Baltimore. He is busy in his role as vice president of clinical development for Aerpio Therapeutics, initiating a phase two clinical trial on the treatment of diabetic retinopathy at 45 clinical sites in the U.S.

1979

William C. Deeds, Ph.D., 1979, provost at Morningside College, received the 2016 Chief Academic Officer Award from the Council of Independent Colleges, or CIC, in November 2016 at CIC's annual Institute for Chief Academic Officers meeting. William has presented at nearly every annual Institute for Chief Academic Officers since 2000 and has shared his knowledge and advice as a presenter at the CIC Workshops for Department and Division Chairs since 2010.



Jeanne Tomiser, M.S., 1979, is the director of the psychology department at Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka, providing behavioral support to adults with severe/profound developmental disabilities in a residential setting. Jeanne has been married to Greg Monaco since 1978. Greg was a psycholinguistics student of Richard Harris. They have two children, Eliot and Elise.

1981

Kristin Bruno, Ph.D., 1981, and her husband, Michael Barnes, became grandparents on April 11, 2017. Their son, Carl, and his wife, Meredith, welcomed their son, Aaron, into the world in Santa Barbara, California.



Kristin Bruno with her grandson, Aaron.

1982

Kevin Jordan, Ph.D., 1982, went to San Jose State University in 1984. While there, he formed a research partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Ames Research Center. Over the years, he directed more than \$200 million in research grants from NASA, including the largest award in the history of the California State University system: a \$73.3 million award in 2011. He retired from San Jose State in 2015 after 31 years, but continues to consult.



1986

Kenneth Sewell, B.S., 1986, is vice president for research at Oklahoma State University. After leaving K-State, he obtained his doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Kansas and was a Department of Psychology faculty member at the University of North Texas for many years. He moved into research administration at North Texas, then moved to the University of New Orleans as vice president for research before joining Oklahoma State in that capacity in 2015.

Pat Tetreault, Ph.D., 1986, serves as the University of Nebraska's director of the LGBTQA+ Resource Center. She worked as the sexuality education coordinator in the University Health Center for 15 years and has been an employee at the university for 24 years. She came to Lincoln to complete a postdoctoral fellowship in the Law-Psychology Program, and was one of the first — and the first woman — to obtain a master's degree in legal studies in 1989. In March, she received the American College Personnel Association's CLGBTA Public Service Award, which was presented at the association's awards ceremony in March at the annual conference in Montreal, Canada. She is also on the Alumni Board.

1991

Briana S. Nelson Goff, B.S., 1991, received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the chief of staff of the U.S. Army on Sept. 15, 2016. Briana is the first K-State faculty member to receive the national award, which honors civilians for exceptional support of the military. She is a professor in the School of Family Studies and Human Services and director of the Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families at Kansas State University.



Briana Nelson Goff receiving the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the U.S. Army chief of staff.

1994

Linda Simon, Ph.D., 1994, is executive vice president of human resources for Walmart's U.S. division in Bentonville, Arkansas.

1995

Tom Lokar, Ph.D., 1995, is executive vice president/chief human resources officer of Mitel in Dallas, Texas.

Todd Thiele, Ph.D., 1995, is a professor and director of the Behavioral and Integrative Neuroscience Program, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Curriculum in Neuroscience, UNC Neuroscience Center, and Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

1996

Steve Quackenbush, Ph.D., 1996, is professor of psychology at the University of Maine, Farmington, where he also now serves as chair of the Division of Psychology and Human Development. He remains especially proud of his track record of involving undergraduate students in original research.

1999

Joseph Karafa, Ph.D., 1999, is dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

Angela Karrasch, Ph.D., 1999, is the chief at the Army Research Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

2001

April West, B.S., 2001, is the director of talent acquisition and development for the world champion Chicago Cubs.

2002

Richard A. Best, Ph.D., 2002, is senior leadership consultant with Executive Development Associates, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2003

Desirae (McKenzie) Moreno, B.S., 2003, received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Wichita State University in 2012. She is currently working in private practice and serves as adjunct faculty for Wichita State.

Michael Tagler, Ph.D., 2003, is an associate professor of psychological science at Ball State University where he teaches courses in statistics, social psychology and health psychology. His research activities focus on attitudes and health behavior, with recent work examining sleep habits.

2004

Lindsay Bock, B.A., 2004, received her master's degree in clinical psychology in 2009 from Washburn University and is currently adjunct teaching at Fort Hays State University.

Jennifer Bonds-Raake, Ph.D., 2004, is dean of the Fort Hays State University Graduate School and Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects at Fort Hays.

Rebecca Schlegel, B.S., 2004, is an associate professor at Texas A&M University in the psychology department. She received her doctorate in social psychology from the University of Missouri in 2009. Her husband is also a faculty member in the psychology department at A&M and they have two sons: Cole, 6, and Avery, 2.

Rick Thomas, Ph.D., 2004, is an associate professor in psychology at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he directs the Decision Processes Laboratory. dpl.gatech.edu

2005

John Raacke, Ph.D., 2005, is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at Fort Hays State University.

2008

Valerie Pilling-York, Ph.D., 2008, is an evaluator at Kansas State University, College of Education, Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation.

2009

Andrew Miranda, B.S., 2009, earned his doctorate in human factors psychology from Wichita State University and is working as an aerospace experimental psychologist in the U.S. Navy. He is currently stationed at the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

2011

Mark Chu, Ph.D., 2011, is an assistant professor at Western New Mexico University. His oldest son just finished his first year in college at the University of New Mexico, and his two other children are attending the university this fall. His wife, Dr. Chen, was elected to be the chair of Mark's department, behavioral sciences, so she'll literally become his boss.

Jisook (April) Park, Ph.D., 2011, recently received tenure at Fort Hays State University, Department of Psychology.

2012

Tyler Freeman, Ph.D., 2012, is a research associate at ICF International.

Adam Larson, Ph.D., 2012, is an assistant professor at the University of Findlay in Ohio. He expects to be going up for tenure next year. He got married to Lita a few years ago in her hometown in Brazil.

Russ Webster, Ph.D., 2012, has a tenure-track position at Penn State University, Abington College, a diverse, undergraduate-focused commonwealth campus outside of Philadelphia. He just finished his second year there and loves the balance between research and teaching. Most recently, he was awarded the summer faculty fellowship in his division. On a personal note, he got married to the love of his life, Kenny, in March. They are living happily in the Philly suburbs with their green cheek conure, Duchess.

2013

Trey Hill, Ph.D., 2013, is beginning his fifth year as an assistant professor at Fort Hays State University, where he has co-authored five peer-reviewed papers, a textbook and several chapters. Trey is currently president of the Southwestern Psychological Association and, as of June 2017, he is serving as interim chair in the university's Department of Psychology.

Jessica McManus, Ph.D., 2013, is an assistant professor at Carroll College in Helena Montana. She and a colleague recently received a grant through the Hearst Foundation to develop an interdisciplinary course on the history and psychology of the Holocaust. Aside from teaching, she maintains an active research lab and published four papers. She served as interim department chair of the psychology department, is the Psi Chi/Psych Club advisor and a member of the gender studies program. Montana has also introduced her to new outdoor activities like hiking, camping, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Stephen Nettelhorst, Ph.D. 2013, is an assistant professor of psychology at Southeast Missouri State University. He will be applying for tenure in the 2017-2018 academic year, and he hopes to become an associate professor in the spring.

2014

Megan Miller, Ph.D., 2014, lives in Manhattan with her husband, Jeffrey Hagio, and continues in her position as student success coordinator for the K-State Graduate School.

2015

Lora Adair, Ph.D., 2015, has taken a tenure-track position at the University of Central Arkansas.

2016

David Arndt, Ph.D., 2016, and Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt, Ph.D., 2016, live in the Chicago suburbs. David is a postdoctoral fellow in clinical pharmacology and pharmacogenomics at the University of Chicago, and Chelsea works for ECRA Group Inc. as a service delivery consultant. They are expecting their first child in November.

Robin Besse, Ph.D., 2016, works as a research analyst for the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Whitney Jeter, Ph.D., 2016, is an assistant professor at Fort Hays State University. She enjoys teaching and working with undergraduate and graduate students on research projects examining relational conflict, forgiveness and mindfulness.

Lauren Pino, B.S., 2016, is currently working on her master's thesis at Ohio State University on teasing and, specifically, distinguishing prosocial teases from antisocial teases. She is also preparing to teach courses at Ohio State in the coming academic year.

2017

Sydney Edmisten, B.S., 2017, will be a medical student at the University of Kansas in the fall.

Hope Rietcheck, B.S., 2017, will be a medical student at the University of Colorado in the fall.

Recent Retirements

JERRY FRIEMAN



Jerry Frieman joined our department in 1968 as an assistant professor. He also served as appointed director of our undergraduate program until 2009. During that time, the Psi Chi chapter and the psychological technician option — now the undergraduate concentration in clinical psychology — were established in the 1970s. Additionally, the freshman and junior seminars were added to our curriculum. In 1995, enrollment increased enough

that we introduced entrance requirements for psychology majors. Even with those entrance requirements, our numbers remain high, as have the quality of our students. Jerry served as head of our department from 2005-2012.

Over the course of his career at K-State, Jerry taught General Psychology, Experimental Methods, Principles of Learning, Abnormal Psychology, Behavior Modification, Junior Seminar in Psychology and Freshman Seminar. At the graduate level, he taught Quantitative Methods, Learning, Experimental Design, Advanced Experimental Design, and seminars in motivation and learning.

Jerry supervised 13 dissertations and 17 master's theses. He co-authored student papers on operant conditioning in pigeons, rats and dwarf hamsters, and extraordinary memory in a human participant. He is the author of "Learning and Adaptive Behavior" and co-author of "Memory

Search by a Memorist" with Chuck Thompson and Thad Cowan; "Learning: A Behavioral, Cognitive, and Evolutionary Synthesis" with Steve Reilly; and "Principles and Methods of Statistical Analysis" with Don Saucier and Stuart Miller.

Jerry was the first and only College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Teaching Fellow from 1986-1988. He received the college's Stamey Teaching Award in 1990 and 1993, and its Stamey Undergraduate Advisor Award in 2001.

Jerry says his proudest accomplishments include founding the Psi Chi chapter and serving as its advisor for 30 years, creating and teaching the Junior Seminar, and establishing the Alumni Advisory Council. He also helped create the Freshman Seminar in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1988 and served as its first coordinator. At the university level, he is proud of serving on the committee that wrote the original policy prohibiting sexual harassment in 1980, and later serving as interim director of the Office of Affirmative Action in 1993-1994. During this time, he helped convince the university president to authorize the establishment of the K-State Child Care Cooperative, which is now the Center for Child Development.

Jerry and his wife, Jeanne, live in Topeka. Jeanne worked first at the Kansas Neurological Institute and later in private practice, and retired in 2016. Their son, Karl, is an attorney in the San Francisco Bay area. He and his wife, Wanda, have 13-year-old twins. Jerry and Jeanne's daughter, Varda, works for Fidelity Corporation in the Research Triangle in North Carolina. She and her husband Jimmy have 4- and 1-year-old daughters.

While on a quarter-time phased retirement for five years, Jerry taught one course each year, served as the chair of the Awards Committee and worked closely with our Alumni Advisory Council. In addition, he published two books and has been active in volunteer work. Jerry says he will miss teaching and the intellectual growth from interacting with students and colleagues.

STEPHEN KIEFER



Stephen Kiefer provided significant service to the department, college and university in teaching, research and administration. His teaching contributions were recognized with college and university awards, and he was involved in the initiation of two campuswide teaching initiatives: the Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence, or FETE, and Peer Review of Teaching. Stephen developed the Graduate Teacher Training Program, which continues to produce outstanding graduate instructors. He also had an active research laboratory with extramural funding through National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, or NIAAA, grants for most of his time in the department.

Stephen's general research area involved studying the roles of taste and odor in determining alcohol intake in rodent models. He directed many master's and doctoral students, published more than 60 peer-reviewed research articles and more than 120 research abstracts. In 1986, he co-organized the Psychology Undergraduate Research Convocation, an annual event that has involved hundreds of psychology undergraduates over the years. He was an active member in the Research Society on Alcoholism and was elected to a two-year term as treasurer and served on its board of directors.

He was a consulting editor for Behavioral Neuroscience, the premier journal in the specialty, and continues to serve as a member of the editorial board for the journal Alcohol.

In 1996, Stephen was named as head of the psychology department and served in this capacity for 10 years. During this time, he was actively involved in the national Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology, serving on its executive board for five years. In 2006, he was named the founding director of the University Honors Program and spent the next seven years developing and organizing this new undergraduate program. He rejoined the Department of Psychological Sciences in 2013 as a faculty member but returned to administrative duties in 2014 when, he assumed the role of interim head of the Department of Art.

Stephen and his wife, Nancy, will be retiring to their home in Evergreen, Colorado. Their older son, Zachary, lives and works in Denver, so they look forward to seeing him more often. Their son, Brian, is teaching English as a second language in Vietnam and they plan to visit him in January 2018. Stephen looks forward to having more time for visiting friends and relatives. He also plans to improve his fly-fishing skills and catching up on his reading. He will cherish these times with Nancy, his best friend and constant source of support and love.

RICHARD HARRIS



Since arriving at K-State as an assistant professor in 1974, Richard Harris taught many courses, including General Psychology, Honors General Psychology, Experimental Methods, Cognitive Psychology, Problem Solving/Decision Making, Advanced Cognitive Psychology and History of Psychology. He also developed several new courses, including Psychology of Language, Psychology of Mass Communication and the Undergraduate Teaching Practicum. In addition, he taught several graduate research seminars and undergraduate honors classes.

He supervised 27 master's theses, 18 dissertations and published 110 professional papers in the areas of basic psycholinguistics, psychology of deceptive advertising, memory for media, video games, bilingualism, cross-cultural cognition, social cognition, health decisions and figurative language. These projects involved collaborations with professors James Shanteau, Lester Loschky and Mark Barnett, as well as many graduate and undergraduate students. He also made many presentations in the U.S., Canada and other countries. Richard's projects were often funded by the National Institutes of Health, the American Psychological Association, a university small research grant, and the Food and Drug Administration, as well as two Fulbright teaching grants for sabbaticals in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and

Montevideo, Uruguay. He is author or co-author of two textbooks, "Learning and Cognition" and "A Cognitive Psychology of Mass Communication," both of which have been translated into other languages.

Although he was excited to come to work every day for 42 years, Richard looks forward to having time for other projects, such as reading and writing for pleasure, genealogical research, travel and visiting his adult children, all three of whom currently live in Austin, Texas. Son, Clint, is an actor with Story Wranglers, a drama company that writes and produces original theater in the public schools. Daughter, Natalie, and her husband, Quinn, are raising three children. Natalie will complete her master's degree in marriage and family therapy at Texas State University in December 2017. Still blessed with good health, Richard and his wife plan to continue living in Manhattan for the time being.

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