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Greetings from our department head!

Well, I made it through my first year at K-State! I have a lot more purple in my wardrobe, and two K-State banners along with a picture of Anderson Hall — all family gifts — hanging on my office wall. We have some new staff and faculty wandering the halls, and some others we aren't seeing as often. The website has been updated, and our signs are being replaced to reflect a change in the name of the department. To bring you all up to date, I'll unpack some of these visible changes as well as share some less evident ones.

To begin, we are now officially the Department of Psychological Sciences. The name change was designed to more clearly communicate the unusual nature of K-State's department — no clinical or counseling doctoral programs — and to improve understanding of what study in our field entails. Modifications to materials are unfolding at a pace designed to maximize our use of existing letterhead, business cards, etc., so you may see the old department name for some time. The name of the major will remain psychology.

We have had a large number of personnel changes since last year. Ron Downey officially retired in May. His retirement party was a real testimony to the impact of his life on so many students. Most of us can only hope to leave a legacy like Ron's. He and his wife, Irene, have left a bequest in their will for the university, ensuring his impact will outlast his physical presence. Two other faculty members also left us this summer. Brenda McDaniel has moved to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Tori Culbertson is moving across campus to join the College of Business Administration. We wish them both the very best! Finally, Kristi Harper, our academic advisor for the past nine years, retired at the end of May. Seeing her big smiles when she visits reminds us that there is life after retirement!

Fortunately these departures are accompanied by a number of arrivals. Steve Kiefer returns to the department after spending seven years as the director of the University Honors Program. We welcomed Sarah Buchanan as the new academic advisor on July 1. Sarah came to us from the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering, where she had been the academic program coordinator. She has a Bachelor of Arts in management from Buena Vista University in Iowa and a master's in counseling and student development from K-State. Finally, the department has hired three new faculty members — Heather Bailey in cognitive, Wendong Li in I/O, and Chip Pickens in behavioral neuroscience. You can read about them elsewhere in the newsletter.

The department colloquia series was very active this spring. The speakers were Michael Dodd from the University of Nebraska on political judgment; from the University of Missouri, Jeff Rouder on

Bayesian statistics and Nelson Cowan on working memory; Julian Barling from Queens University on leadership; Irv Biederman from the University of Southern California on object recognition; and Evangelia Chrysikou from the University of Kansas on cognitive neuroscience. Our students and faculty greatly benefit by hearing from these outstanding established and emerging scholars.

My first year was very eventful, and things are unlikely to settle down much during the next year. We should be experiencing fewer personnel changes, but we will need to adjust to the new arrivals, implement some policy changes and consider new initiatives designed to propel our students into the next decade. My personal touchstone for decisions as the department head is to always consider whether a change will further our educational mission. As many of you know, K-State faculty educate students in the classroom, through advising, in personal interactions, and in our laboratories. We are granted the privilege to impact people's lives. Our alumni have partnered with us by hiring our graduates, mentoring them, giving presentations to our students, helping to fund their education through scholarships, and assisting the department in meeting new financial challenges through donations. For the variety of ways in which many of you have joined us in furthering our mission, thank you.

To learn more about what we are doing, I encourage you to follow the department either through our new Twitter account, @KSUPsychSci, our Facebook page at facebook.com/KStatePsych or our website's news section. Otherwise, you'll have to wait for this newsletter to appear every fall to find out what's happening! Finally, be sure to keep in touch regarding events in your lives. I love sharing stories with prospective students and their parents who are curious about what people with psychology degrees end up doing. Although they often envision clinicians and counselors, they are surprised to hear that our alums include the CEO of Hershey, the director of human resources at Ritz-Carlton Hotels, a court services officer and a professor of radiology at the University of Iowa. Our alums are everywhere, impacting the world and making us proud that they are Wildcats!



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Recent award winners

Peterson Prize: Donte Bernard

May 2013 bachelor’s graduate in psychology with a certificate in conflict resolution, Olathe, received the J. C. Peterson Prize for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology. In addition to an excellent academic record, Bernard has engaged in a number of research projects in Donald Saucier’s research laboratory, studying racism as a predictor of responses in interracial helping situations, particularly examining the responses in situations produced by natural disasters. He was awarded a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship for his innovative project on how white and black students differently experience false feedback suggesting they have done well or poorly. He led a recitation section of General Psychology and served as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the PILOTS program. He is a McNair scholar; the vice president and then president of our chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology; the master of ceremonies for the Department of Psychological Sciences’ 60th anniversary ceremony; and a panelist for several student workshops. In addition to several presentations as part of the McNair Scholars Program, Bernard authored or co-authored two poster presentations at national meetings and is first author on a manuscript that is under editorial review. He is attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year in the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology.



Phares Prize: Marian Mersmann

2013 bachelor’s graduate in psychology, Eudora, received the E. J. Phares Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research. Mersmann worked in Mary Cain’s research laboratory since 2010. She contributed to several research projects, including examining the effects of differential rearing on amphetamine-induced hyperactivity and on the extinction of fear and the expression of pCREB, a response element-binding protein that is related to long-term memory, and individual differences and amphetamine-induced c-fos expression. She received a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship in 2012 and is a McNair Scholar. She is a co-author on a published paper and three posters presented at national meetings, and is first author on two additional posters. She will be pursuing her Ph.D. in behavioral neuroscience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Rappoport Scholarship: Paul Brungardt

Manhattan, received the second annual Leon Rappoport Memorial Psychology Scholarship for a nontraditional student in psychology for 2013-14. Brungardt is majoring in psychology and life sciences with a premedical focus. Brungardt is working in Kimberly Kirkpatrick’s research laboratory on a project where examining the effects of such environmental rearing factors as enrichment or isolation on impulsivity and risk-taking behaviors in rats. “It is rare for an undergraduate student to be able to work without supervision, but Paul works totally independently” Kirkpatrick said. “This may be in part to his being a nontraditional student, as he seems accustomed to carrying responsibility with ease.”



Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowships: Conor O’Dea, Zhe Wang and Brooke Williams

The fellowship was established by James Shanteau, a university distinguished professor in psychology, in memory of his wife, Doreen. The fellowship is designed to support upper-division undergraduate psychology students in work with a faculty mentor on psychological research. The award recipients are expected to conduct their research projects during the 2013-2014 academic year in collaboration with their faculty mentors. They are expected to both present their findings at the Department of Psychological Sciences’ Annual Undergraduate Research Convocation at the end of the spring semester and to submit their findings for publication in a psychology journal.

O’Dea will study whether individuals who are committed to fostering diversity may be reluctant to offer constructive criticisms about diversity initiatives for fear of appearing prejudiced, even though their criticism could increase the effectiveness of those initiatives. Conor predicts that individuals who have criticisms that may help improve diversity initiatives will choose to keep these criticisms private because of a fear of negative evaluation. His faculty mentor is Donald Saucier in social psychology.



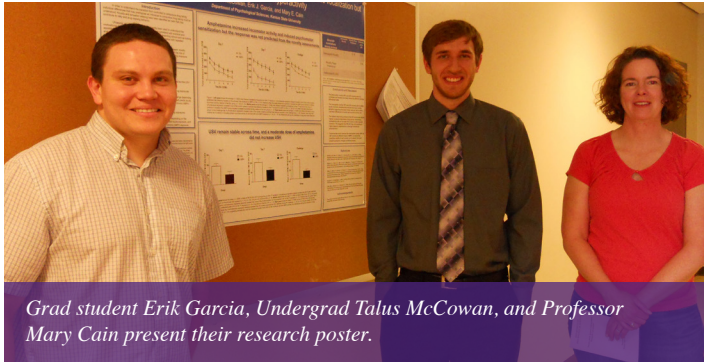
2012-13 Shanteau Fellowship winners Marian Mersmann, Aaron Smith, Donte Bernard, and Allison Coy pose with Prof. Shanteau.

Wang will study how decisions about the attractiveness and mate value of others is influenced by what one perceives to be his or her own perceived mate value. Zhe predicts that people make trade-offs that are mediated by how they perceive themselves on particular dimensions. Her faculty mentor is Gary Brase in cognitive psychology.

Williams will study how such variables as race and status, which have previously been found to affect the levels at which individuals provide help, affect help-seeking behavior. Williams predicts that whites will be less likely to seek help when they are in the superior position and their helping partner is black as opposed to white, because they believe that they would be surrendering their perceived superior status and higher competency to an out-group member. Saucier is her faculty mentor.



Graduate Student Awards from the GTA Supplement Fund went to Erik Garcia, Robin Besse, David Arndt, Chelsea Schnabelrauch, Megan Strain, Taylor Wadian, Tammy Sonntagag, Emily Reinhardt, Stephen Nettelhorst and Kevin Wallpe.



Grad student Erik Garcia, Undergrad Talus McCowan, and Professor Mary Cain present their research poster.

Harry Helson Memorial Scholarships in Experimental Psychology were awarded to Trey Hill, Lora Adair, John Smyers, Haley Dillon and Jared Peterson.

Dunlap Fellowships in Industrial Psychology went to Michael Stetzer, Lesly Krome, Alex Jackson, Mathias Simmons and Lynn Beer.

Undergraduate Conference Travel Awards went to Lea Folsom, Brooke Williams, Lora McGraw, Donte Bernard and Chantalle Hanschu to attend the Society for Personality and Social Psychology; to Patrick Gregg and Marian Mersmann for the Society for Neuroscience; to Morgan Pearn for the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology; to Marcella Nichols for the Society for Research in Child Development; and to Jeffrey Hyder and Aaron Smith for the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior.



Xiangqi Li at her convocation poster.

Ron Downey retires

Ron Downey is recognized for 38 years of service to Kansas State University. Since 1975 his career at K-State has involved various research, administrative and academic positions. They include research psychologist; director of educational research; director or institutional research and analysis; associate provost; and professor of psychology.



Before his academic career, he was in the U.S. Navy for four years and honorably discharged in 1962 at the rank of petty officer 2nd Class. He received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Texas in 1966 and his master's and doctorate from Temple University in 1971.

After four years working for the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, Downey moved to Manhattan in 1975.

He joined K-State as a research psychologist in the Center for Student Development. In 1982 he became the director of educational research. In 1991 he was promoted to director of institutional research and analysis. In 1997 he was promoted to associate provost and advised the provost, president and the Strategic Planning Committee on planning issues and worked with the Deans Council to coordinate summer school programs. He also served as a member of the President's Council and on many work-related and professional committees.

When he joined K-State in 1975, he also became a part-time faculty member of the psychology department. Ten years later he was promoted to full professor. Downey published more than 80 journal articles, one book and 10 book chapters, and nearly 50 technical reports. He gave more than 100 conference presentations and generated nearly \$1 million dollars in scientific grant funds. He was major advisor to 20 doctoral and 23 master's students. Downey helped revitalize the Ph.D. program in industrial and organizational psychology, a terminal master's in the program, and the development of a graduate certificate in occupational health psychology. In 2007 he was instrumental in creating the Department of Psychology's Advisory Council.

Working with undergraduate and graduate students and seeing them mature and succeed was a great pleasure to Downey. He also enjoys spending time with his family. They are avid campers and have camped from coast to coast, in tents, campers and RVs. They enjoy hiking, fishing and that glorious time around the campfire at night and early morning. Downey attended and coached sports teams that his daughter Cheryl and son Glen were involved with in Manhattan. He has spent many enjoyable afternoons watching the 'Cats play football in the fall and his nights watching basketball in the winter. Downey very much enjoys gardening and, even more, savoring the fruits of his labor. He has taken on a variety of community roles, serving on many boards and advisory groups like the Boys and Girls Club, the Crisis Center, United Way and the Manhattan Community Garden.

— Ron Downey and Jerry Frieman

Alumni Council

The Department of Psychological Sciences Alumni Advisory Council met Sept. 14, 2012, in Manhattan. Those attending included Gail Antenen, Mitch Brigell, Kelly Burke, Susan Burns, Bill Deeds, Amy Gross, Sandi McCoy, Ken Sewell, Lisa Way, Jim Wright and John Hill, the council's president. Highlights included extensive discussion with faculty members: Michael Young about the state of the department and a presentation by Gary Brase on the 2025 vision for the department and what is needed to achieve this vision. YoungAh Park was introduced as a new faculty member, and she gave a brief presentation on her research interests in occupational health. A dinner that night allowed extensive interaction between council members, faculty and students.



This year's meeting will be Oct. 4. We are planning for the Advisory Council to have a "coming out party" with the hope of increasing our visibility with faculty and students. We will have informal panel discussions in which students can learn about council members' career paths, discuss their own career plans, and see how they can potentially apply their educational experience in the Department of Psychological Sciences toward a rewarding and fulfilling career.

Alumni interested in being a council member 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.

— Mitch Brigell, alumni council chair, 2013-2014

New faculty

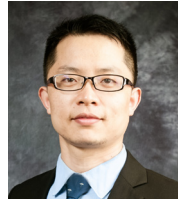
Heather Bailey, hbailey@k-state.edu

Bailey completed her Ph.D. in cognitive psychology at Kent State University in 2009. She studied individual and age-related differences in working memory. In particular, she became interested in the strategies people use to help improve their memory. After graduate school, Bailey spent four years as a postdoctoral researcher at Washington University in St. Louis, studying how strategies and certain brain regions influence memory for everyday activities. Outside of work, she and her husband, Troy Bailey, and their 2-year-old son, Cooper, enjoy being outdoors and watching or playing any type of sport. They are really excited about joining a university in the Big 12!



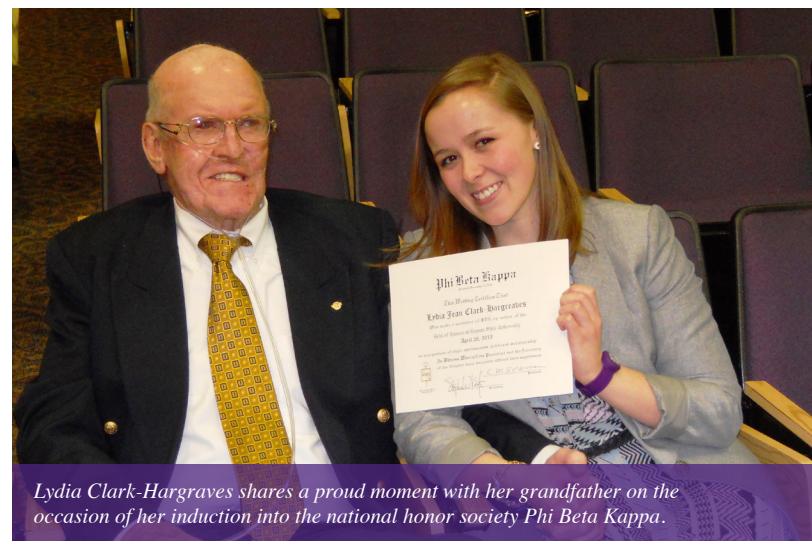
Wendong Li, wendong@k-state.edu

Wendong Li received a Ph.D. in management (organizational behavior) from National University of Singapore in 2013. He also obtained degrees in industrial and organizational psychology from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Beijing Normal University. As a student and working on consulting projects, he became intrigued by how people are willing and able to modify, but also adapt to, their environments. He has conducted research looking at individual (personality traits and genetics) and environmental (work context and culture) factors that may prompt proactivity, as well as the consequences of being proactive as reflected in people's performance and well-being. In his spare time he enjoys hiking, watching movies and meditation. He and his wife are expecting a baby around Christmas.



Charles Pickens, pickens@k-state.edu

Charles "Chip" Pickens was born and raised in Oil City, Pa., the former home of the Pennzoil and Quaker State oil companies. Pickens earned his bachelor's degree in biology at York College of Pennsylvania. Work at several group homes for the developmentally disabled during his college years sparked an interest in the effects that brain damage can have on learning and decision-making. During his graduate work at Johns Hopkins University he studied the effects of brain damage on learning and decision-making. He went on to test potential medications to treat fear/anxiety and unhealthy eating during a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He then returned to his initial interest in the brain circuits for learning and decision-making during one year at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. He will continue his research on this topic in his lab at K-State and will teach courses on biological psychology and learning. In his spare time, Pickens spends his time reading, hiking and training for two half-marathons per year.



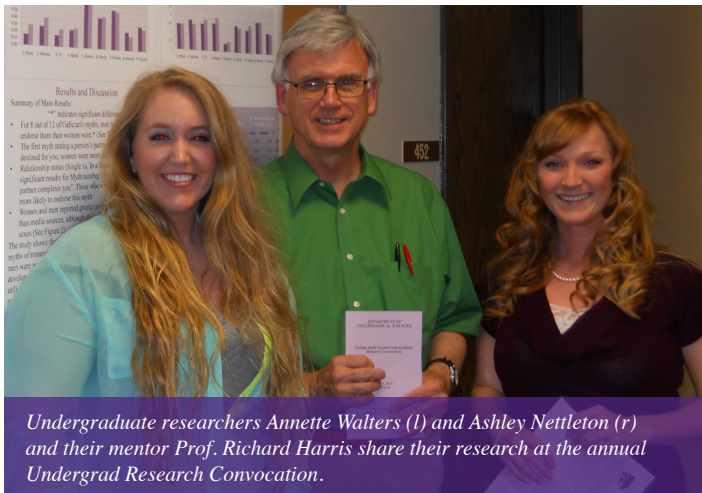
Lydia Clark-Hargraves shares a proud moment with her grandfather on the occasion of her induction into the national honor society Phi Beta Kappa.

Faculty News

Mark Barnett now has two grandchildren. Daughter Megan and her husband, John, welcomed son Roark in late 2012 to join big sister Leah.

Laura Brannon had an exciting trip to Rome this past summer. When seated waiting for a large papal mass in St. Peter's Square, Laura and her friends were shocked that Pope Francis went right by where they were seated, "close enough to touch him!" For a lifelong Catholic, this was pretty exciting.

Richard Harris continues to do research on social movie quoting, acquisition of information from subtitled film, and cognitive processing in bilinguals. He published the sixth edition of "A Cognitive Psychology of Mass Communication," this time with co-author Fred Sanborn, a 2004 K-State doctoral graduate. His son Clint is an improv actor and teacher in Austin, Texas, and his son Grady graduated from K-State in May and is now a graduate student in zoology at the University of Wyoming. His daughter Natalie graduated from the University of Kansas in May and now lives and works in Austin.



Undergraduate researchers Annette Walters (l) and Ashley Nettleton (r) and their mentor Prof. Richard Harris share their research at the annual Undergrad Research Convocation.

Stephen Kiefer, after having been "away" from the department serving as the director of the University Honors Program for the last seven years, has returned as a full-time faculty member. He is looking forward to assuming both teaching and research duties, although the latter will entail primarily collaborations with other faculty. This is a great time to be moving back to the department, given all of the changes and new personnel in the department. Steve and his wife, Nancy, just celebrated their 40th anniversary. Their 26-year-old old son, Zach, is living and working in Nancy's hometown of Denver, and 23-year-old Brian is moving to Maui, Hawaii, to explore several opportunities.

Michael Young gave an invited presentation as part of a symposium at the annual meeting of the International Cognitive Science Society in Berlin, Germany, in July.

Psi Chi, the International Honorary Society in Psychology

Psi Chi had another successful year, with fall and spring initiation pizza parties, spring banquet, T-shirt design and sales — another Top 10 list — a field trip to the Topeka Correctional Facility, a food and clothing drive, and social gatherings. They also sponsored very well-attended sessions on applying to grad school and looking for jobs with a Bachelor of Science in psychology. Psi Chi had its final tightrope-walking rat demonstration at the All-University Open House in April. The event is now retired because of increasing difficulty to find volunteer trainers and some animal care regulation concerns.

Psi Chi officers for 2012-13 were Donte Bernard, president; Rachel McAdam, vice president; Karen Akao, secretary; and Jeff Hyder, treasurer. Officers for 2013-14 are Akao, president; Andrew Maxwell, vice president; McAdam, secretary; and Kelsey Koblitz, treasurer.

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Megan Roberts shows off the rat she trained to walk the tightrope for K-State Open House.

Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS)

The Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS) had a busy, but exciting, 2012-2013 school year. We were involved in hiring three outstanding new faculty members. Graduate students served on each of the search committees, and the graduate student body had the opportunity to meet with all of the candidates. GAPS is becoming more involved with K-State's 2025 visionary plan, which is striving to make K-State a Top 50 public research university by 2025. We are excited about the opportunities this plan will provide for graduate students across campus and look forward to making this visionary plan a reality.

GAPS also hosted several events as a way to get to know and reconnect with other graduate students and faculty. GAPS reinstated the annual holiday potluck party, allowing both faculty and graduate students to celebrate the end of a successful fall semester and enjoy the company of others. The spring semester concluded with GAPS joining forces with Psi Chi to host an end-of-the-school-year awards dinner for undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty. It was a wonderful way to showcase undergraduates' outstanding achievements.

We anticipate the 2013-2014 school year to be another great year. We are excited for the arrival of a new class of graduate students. To support them in their first year, GAPS is continuing its mentoring program pairing current graduate students with incoming graduate students. This provides the new students with a great resource as they transition into the life of a graduate student here at K-State. It was certainly a busy year for graduate students, but we are looking forward to what the new school year has to bring!

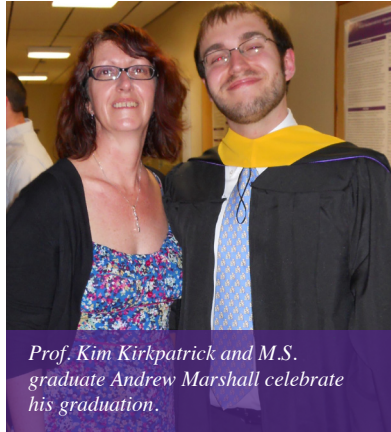
—Emily Reinhardt, GAPS President 2013-14
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Master's in psychology with an emphasis in industrial and organizational psychology (MIOP)

K-State's primarily distance-based MIOP program, in partnership with the Division of Continuing Education, has recently concluded its 13th summer session. The program continues to interest recent graduates and seasoned professionals from across the United States.

This year, 25 new and returning students hailing from coast to coast and border to border, joined Clive Fullagar and Patrick Knight for the two-week, on-campus course work. With students from California, Minnesota, Mississippi and Florida, it is safe to say that MIOP's footprint continues to grow.

In addition to the intensive, compressed course work that makes up the on-campus curriculum, MIOP's annual picnic included the 13th iteration of its traditional Australian rules kickball tournament. Despite a homerun



Prof. Kim Kirkpatrick and M.S. graduate Andrew Marshall celebrate his graduation.

kick to deep right center field by the game's lightly disputed MVP, the first-year challengers came up just short. With their 5-1 win, the second-year students have successfully defended a statistically-improbable run of championship victories.

Seven students are wrapping up their practica and are slated to complete the program in December. Barring any unexpected delays, 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 me at miopsych@k-state.edu.

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Faculty, grad students, and Psi Chi members enjoy a light moment at the annual department spring banquet.

Obituaries

Jason Skyler Harper, 26, died in a car accident on Dec. 20, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Jillian Davidson, and his parents, Skylar and Kristi Harper. Kristi Harper was the Department of Psychological Sciences' professional advisor until her retirement in May 2013. At the time of his death, Jason Harper was working on a Master of Arts in ceramics at Indiana University. The K-State Department of Art, where he earned his bachelor's, hosted a posthumous exhibition of this talented young artist's work in spring 2013.

Karen Simon Rappoport, 78, died of bone cancer on Aug. 10, 2013, in Manhattan. She was the widow of longtime K-State psychology professor Leon Rappoport. Karen Rappoport was preceded in death by her husband and their son Paul. She was a highly respected elementary teacher and reading specialist in the Manhattan Public Schools for many years. In 1992 she was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame. She was also a very active volunteer in numerous community service organizations, serving on the board of several of them. Surviving are son Alex and his wife, Katie, and their children, Lula and Niko, of Saugerties, N.Y.

Alumni News

The news below comes from alumni from our undergraduate and graduate programs. 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 they probably never dreamed of when they were here. Please continue to send news and pictures for future newsletters to lbrannon@k-state.edu or rjharris@k-state.edu. Here is this year's news, by order of graduation year. Note that the K-State degree is in parentheses after name, and news is alphabetized by last name within graduation year.

— compiled by Richard Harris

1965

Stephen D. Nelson (B.A.) was glad to see in the last year's newsletter an item about a memorial to Leon Rappoport, with whom he had a class or two. Rappoport tried to talk him into applying to the graduate program at the University of Colorado for his Ph.D. He ended up going to the University of Michigan. It was in his General Psychology class that he met his future wife. He also remembers Harry Helson, at that time winding down his distinguished K-State career, who taught his history of psychology class. Stephen is now senior advisor on science and technology policy at the Center of Science, Policy, and Society Programs of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D.C.

1970

Lou Buffardi (Ph.D.) retired after more than 40 years of teaching at George Mason University. (Pictured right)



1974

(Kim) Hunter Taylor (B.S.) was appointed clinical director of Rosewood Center for Eating Disorders and is a speaker and practitioner on psychodrama techniques. Hunter and spouse, Sheryl Taylor, live in Wickenburg, Ariz.

1976

Cia Verschelden (B.S.) is executive director of institutional assessment in the planning and analysis department at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Her daughter Patty is a nurse in Fairbanks, Alaska. Her daughter Emma is a preschool teacher in Wanganui, New Zealand. Her son Abe is a senior in biology at K-State, and son John lives in Lawrence, Kan. She also has a grandson, Paul.

1978

John "J.P." Bilbrey (B.S.) is president and CEO of the Hershey Co. in Hershey, Pa. He has had a very successful business career, with Procter & Gamble, Danone Waters, Mission Foods, and since 2003, Hershey. He and his wife, Teresa, have four children, three of whom attended K-State. He had an opportunity to visit the campus again in 2012.

1981

Francis William "Bill" Flynn (Ph.D.) is the director of the Neuroscience Center and professor of zoology and physiology at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, where he has been since completing his postdoc at the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Cathy —

whom he met at K-State — have two grown children; a son in medical school at the University of Washington, and a daughter who coordinates drug trials at the Scripps Institute in San Diego.

1983

Scott Isensee (M.S.) is a senior technical designer with IBM in Austin, Texas.

1985

Karl Kuhnert (Ph.D.) continues as associate professor of psychology at the University of Georgia in Athens.

1986

Patricia Tetreault (Ph.D.) received the 16th Annual Chancellor's University of Nebraska-Lincoln Fulfilling the Dream Award for exemplary action in promoting the goals and visions of Martin Luther King. This fall is her 21st year as a managerial professional staff person, first as sexuality education coordinator at the University Health Center. Later she founded the university's LGBTQA Resource Center, which provides educational and social programming. She recently developed and coordinated the bias response team for the university bias.unl.edu. She also published in the *Journal of Homosexuality* (Tetreault, et al., "Perceptions of Campus Climate").

1991

Will Conaway (B.S.) is the EHR program director for Dignity Health in Los Angeles. He has been a consultant for numerous health care organizations, as well as automotive and business concerns. He has a master's degree in organizational management and teaches through Cornell University's Johnson School of Management.

Stephani Johns-Hines (B.S.) recently accepted a new position as associate dean of online and outreach education at Cowley Community College. She lives in Derby, Kan.

John Steenbock (M.S.) is director of manpower and personnel for the Air Force Material Command. He lives in Springboro, Ohio.

1992

Shin Chin Lee (Ph.D.) is production manager at Wells-Fargo Bank.

1993

Rachelle Bartel (B.A.) completed her master's in nursing at Wichita State University and now works as a nurse practitioner specializing in mental health at an outpatient community mental health center in Topeka, Kan.

1994

Scott Wyckoff (B.S.) went to Washburn University after graduating from K-State to pursue a master's in clinical psychology. After completing his course work and internship, he decided that this was not the professional career path for him. He then earned an MBA from Pittsburg State. Currently Scott is the CEO of Asset Services, a company providing fixed asset management services for organizations nationally and globally. He and his wife, Laura, have been married nine years. They have two boys, 4-year-old Gavin and 2-year-old Corbin.

1996

Steve Quackenbush (Ph.D.) was promoted to full professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Maine, Farmington, where he has taught for several years.



1998

David Schrag (M.S.) earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Minnesota. He lives in Champaign, Ill., with his wife, Tina Huang, who is on the faculty in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Illinois, and their children Anja, Liesl and Soren.

2001

Carrie Lane (B.S.) is associate professor and program director in the Department of Psychology at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. She taught at Florida State University for several years after earning her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Texas, Arlington in 2006.

April West (B.S.) is director of human resources for Ritz-Carlton Hotels in Hawaii. She graduated from K-State in 2001 and received graduate training in I/O psychology at Alliant University. She will receive the College of Arts and Sciences Young Alumna Award this fall.

2002

Richard Best (Ph.D.) is a health services researcher at Lockheed-Martin.

Larry Bunce (Ph.D.) is director of institutional research at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

2004

Jennifer Bonds-Raacke (Ph.D.) was chosen president-elect of the Southwestern Psychological Association. She continues as psychology department chair at Fort Hays State University.

E. Peter Muenks (B.S.) works as a clinical psychologist in St. Louis.

Chelsea Mueller Bartel (B.S.) completed her doctorate in school psychology from North Carolina State University in 2012. She and her husband, Jonathan, and their children, Evelyn and Gideon, live in the Raleigh, N.C., area.

Andrea Brown (B.S.) is acting director and associate director of Greek affairs at K-State. Before that she worked at Texas A&M University.

2006

Tuan Tran (Ph.D.) married **Kimberly Raddatz** (Ph.D., 2012) in Kansas City, Mo., on March 15, 2013. The wedding was almost an entirely a K-State psychological sciences affair. The wedding party included maid of honor **Beth Cady** (Ph.D., 2006), best men **Brian Friel** (Ph.D., 2004) and **Jerry Deehan** (Ph.D., 2006), host **Jason Ward** (M.S., 2003) and ceremony readers **Abby Werth** (B.S., 2007) and Cindy Seto-Friel. Guests included **Peter Elgin** (Ph.D., 2007) and **Richard Harris** and their wives. Kim and Tuan continue to work in human factors for Sprint and live in Olathe, Kan.

2007

Peter Elgin (Ph.D.) works in human factors for HFI. He lives in Vinton, Iowa, with his wife, Michelle, a family practice physician, and son, Parker.

Abby Werth (B.S.) is completing her Ph.D. in industrial engineering at Mississippi State University and is working in human factors.

2009

Kyle Bures (B.S.) is now the Teaching and Learning Center coordinator at the Ottawa campus of Neosho County Community College in Ottawa, Kan.

Michael Hinkin (M.S., B.S., 2006) graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 2012 and is now a practicing attorney in Manhattan.

Rachel Witham (2009) completed her master's in counseling at K-State and is now pursuing her doctorate in counseling psychology at Oklahoma State University. Last May she married Chris Kaufman.

2010

Nicole (Simonson) Brown (B.A.) earned a Master of Arts in counseling from Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kan., in 2012. She married her high school sweetheart in September 2011. She is a nationally certified counselor and licensed in Kansas as a licensed professional counselor (LPC). She began working with KVC Behavioral Healthcare as an intensive in-home therapist in November 2012.

2011

Andrea (Barth) Conrad (B.S.) lives in Richmond Hill, Ga., where she is a field coordinator with the Democratic Party of Georgia.

Tammy Sonnentag (M.S.) is now on the faculty in the psychology department at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., while she completes her Ph.D. at K-State.

2012

Natalie (Brown) Barlett (Ph.D.) is a visiting assistant professor at Gettysburg College and is enjoying being a mom to Eric Christopher Barlett, who turned 1 in July. Husband Chris (B.S., 2004; M.S., 2007) is also on the psychology faculty at Gettysburg College.

Bernardo de la Garza (Ph.D.) and his wife, Iris Barrera, had a daughter Alysia in November 2012. Bernie is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Lea Folsom (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in psychology at the University of San Francisco.

Brynne Glynn (B.S.) recently began studies for her M.S. in clinical psychology at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.

Tara Haddon (B.S.) is in her second year in her master's in social work program at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.

Adam Larson (Ph.D.) is assistant professor of psychology at Findlay University in Findlay, Ohio.

Katherine Phelan (B.S.) began graduate study in occupational therapy at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kan.

Kimberly Raddatz Tran (Ph.D.), see class of 2006.

Russell Webster (Ph.D.) was a visiting assistant professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., for the 2012-2013 school year. He is now teaching at North Central College in the Chicago area.

Mengmeng Zhu (B.S.) recently began doctoral study in I/O psychology at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.



2013

Jessica Kumle (B.S.) is studying for her M.S in school psychology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.



Honors graduates Lydia Clark-Hargreaves, Morgan Pearn, and Marcella Nichols show off their graduation honor cords.

Donte Bernard (B.S.) began doctoral studies in clinical psychology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He married longtime girlfriend Alyssa Segura this summer.

Seth Drees (B.S.) began studies for a Master of Science in school psychology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

Andrew Fiori (B.S.) recently began graduate study for his Master of Science in I/O psychology at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky.

Lydia Clark-Hargreaves (B.S.) began graduate study in clinical psychology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

W. Trey Hill (Ph.D.) is assistant professor of psychology at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan.

Jericho Hockett (Ph.D.) is teaching in the psychology department at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.

Alyssa Huff (B.A.) began studies for her MBA at K-State.

Dina Kostrow (B.S.) is teaching in Alabama with Teach for America.

Talus McCowan (B.S.) is beginning work for a M.S. in physiology, pharmacology and therapeutics at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D.

Jessica McManus (Ph.D.) is an assistant professor of psychology at Carroll College in Helena, Mont.



Professor Gary Brase and M.S. graduate Lora Adair at her M.S. graduation.

Isaak LeHew and his mother Prof. Melody LeHew on his induction into honor society Phi Beta Kappa.



Marian Mersmann (B.S.) began doctoral studies in neuroscience at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Taylor Montgomery (B.S.) began studies for a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Stephen Nettelhorst (Ph.D.) is an assistant professor of psychology at Tusculum College in Tusculum, Tenn. Tusculum is one of the few colleges in the country that teaches one intensive course at a time, each course lasting three to four weeks and meeting much of the day.

Marcella Nichols (B.S.) recently began graduate study in clinical psychology at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

Morgan Pearn (B.A.) began study for her Master of Science in I/O psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Aaron Smith (B.S.) is beginning studies for his doctorate in neuroscience in the Department of Psychology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Kevin Walters (B.S.) began studying for his doctorate in I/O psychology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Matthew Wilson (B.S.) began study for a M.S. in I/O psychology at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

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