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Greetings from our New Department Head!

Given that I am new to Kansas State's department of psychology, I am going to use my first newsletter contribution to introduce myself. I was born in Illinois to a bartender and a waitress. Watching how hard my parents worked for so little, I was determined to carve out a different career path. During the late 1970s, computers were all the rage so I decided to major in computer science at the University of Illinois. I'll spare you the stories of punch cards, line editors, dialing the phone in order to network with other computers via a modem (no Internet!), and the green and white printer paper.

During my senior year, I began doing contract and consulting work for the Army Corps of Engineers that I continued on and off for the next 10 years. Much of this work was in the field of artificial intelligence. A year after graduating in 1984, I was hired by Procter and Gamble and moved to Cincinnati to join their new AI group where I worked on writing an AI system for flavor development. I quickly realized that the really fun stuff (i.e. research!) was being conducted by those with advanced degrees at tech companies, so I left P&G to pursue a Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Minnesota. While there, I took my first college courses in psychology in order to inform my study of machine learning. Given that my only prior experience with psychology was in high school, I was surprised by the sophistication of the science that I encountered. During my second year in the program, I decided to terminate with a master's degree and do the Ph.D. elsewhere. Some CS profs had gotten into trouble over ethics violations – not a fun place to be that year. My Minnesota psychology professors recruited me to their doctorate program, where I began to study causal learning, a program of research that I have continued to pursue during the past 20-plus years.

After a postdoc working with Dr. Edward Wasserman at the University of Iowa (working with pigeons and people), I secured my first tenure track position at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. I soon found myself the director of the Brain and Cognitive Sciences program at SIUC, grew to love teaching, and became increasingly creative in my research approaches and interests, especially after earning tenure. I currently use customized video games for much of my data collection in studies of causal inference and impulsive choice, and am always near the cutting edge in using statistical innovations in my research and teaching. I have recently added another tool to my tool chest, ERPs, or event-related potentials, a technique based on EEG. The approach became relevant for addressing key questions in my research program.

On a personal front, I have been married to my wife, Carolyn, for 26 years and we have three children, twins Nathan and Matt (22) and daughter Rachel (19). Ask me about them sometime and I will proudly regale you with the details!

As I write, I have been on the job for less than a month. During that period, I have already discovered the wealth of talent that exists in my



Prof. James Shanteau receives his 40-year service pin from Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback.

new department. As many of you know, the psychology faculty here at K-State have an authentic commitment to teaching. Their research programs are integrally tied to the teaching mission and involve undergraduate and graduate students. I am already enjoying the opportunity to empower my new colleagues to achieve K-State's 2025 vision of becoming a Top 50 public research university. Success will only be achieved by a commitment from everyone associated with K-State: administrators, faculty, students, alumni and friends. Research activity will positively impact teaching to the degree that that this activity incorporates the broadest

range of students and provides them access to innovative technology, emerging knowledge, and creative approaches to the classroom experience. Psychology is already taking the initial steps forward by freeing up space for future growth, investing in new technology, and developing a vision for the future. Stay tuned and stay in touch – I expect to have many exciting things to share over the coming years!

I'd like to close with a special thank you to Dr. Jim Shanteau, who retired after 41 years of service, and Dr. Jerry Frieman, who has faithfully served as the department head for the past six years, while showing great resourcefulness in shepherding the department through some lean years. Jerry has been quite generous in offering himself as a continuing resource during his phased retirement. We will certainly feel the loss of Jim Shanteau, our department's sole university distinguished professor, an honor that is testimony to his sustained high level of achievement. Although I lack the more than four decades of experience that Jim and Jerry each have at K-State, I hope to carry on the legacy of commitment that they and so many faculty, students and friends have shown to the department during its 60-year history.

— Michael Young (michaelyoung@k-state.edu)



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Jeff Schinski, Andy Karafa, Patricia Marsh and Rich Walker visit at the 60th anniversary celebration.

Highlights of our 60th Anniversary Celebration

We formally celebrated our 60th anniversary as a separate department from Sept. 15-17, 2011 with a variety of events. Our anniversary celebration provided an opportunity for those alumni who attended to reconnect with their fellow classmates, former faculty who were here when they were, and to meet our newer faculty and current students.

We started with a meet and greet on Thursday evening for those who came in that day. On Friday morning we showcased current research by our students and faculty. Some of our alumni also presented posters.

The highlight of Friday morning was a presentation by Dr. Gary Wells, distinguished professor and the Stavish chair in the Social Sciences at Iowa State University. Dr. Wells received his bachelor's degree in psychology from K-State in 1973 and his Ph.D. in experimental social psychology from Ohio State University in 1977. He is an internationally recognized scholar in scientific psychology, and his studies of eyewitness memory are widely cited. He has been on CBS's "48 Hours," the NBC Nightly News, Court TV, NBC's "Today Show," and "60 Minutes." The title of his presentation was "Using Psychological Science to Understand and Improve Eyewitness Identification Evidence." You can view it from our department's web page (www.k-state.edu/psych).

In the afternoon, we arranged a set of panel discussions by our alumni and faculty who provided advice to students on tips for getting involved in research and career opportunities in law enforcement and public safety. Alumni panelists also described what they got from their time here that helped them in their various careers. We ended the activities during the day by dedicating the lobby on the fourth floor of Bluemont Hall in memory of Dr. Leon Rappoport. Colleagues and friends of Dr. Rappoport donated funds to remodel the lobby. In addition to his picture (see our Facebook page, [facebook.com/KStatePsych](https://www.facebook.com/KStatePsych)), there is a plaque highlighting his achievements and a display case with the covers of his books. Also, a scholarship for non-traditional undergraduate students was established in Dr. Rappoport's name.

That evening at a banquet we presented Dr. Wells with his Distinguished Alumnus Award, heard from alumni from the decades since 1961 about their experiences, and were entertained by the K-State Singers.

Saturday morning we arranged two events: a tour of the Konza Prairie Biological Station and an exhibit of paintings by Dr. Roy Langford, a faculty member here from 1925 to 1973. Dr. Langford's family donated more than 70 of his paintings and drawings to the Beach Museum of Art. We arranged for this exhibit in honor of Dr. Langford's long service to K-State and the department of psychology. We ended the day with a tailgate party on the stadium parking lot prior to the Kansas State University-Kent State University (KSU vs. KSU) football game.

We encourage you to watch a short video we prepared for our 60th anniversary and the video of the highlights of our celebration. Both are on YouTube, and you can access them from our department's website (www.k-state.edu/psych). As noted above, there is also a link to the video of Dr. Gary Wells' lecture. Finally, check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KStatePsych). Feel free to post pictures and comments on the wall.

— Jerry Frieman (frieman@k-state.edu)

1970s Ph.D. grads Greg Monaco, Allan and Geri Nagy, Mitch Brigell, and Bill Deeds enjoy the evening banquet at the 60th anniversary celebration in Sept. 2011.



Memorials to Leon Rappoport

Colleagues and friends of Dr. Leon Rappoport donated funds to remodel the lobby on the fourth floor of Bluemont Hall in his memory. In addition to his picture, there is a plaque highlighting his achievements and a display case with the covers of his books. These contributions also provided for replacing the furniture and mounting a display case on the wall to hold the plaques with the names of the winners of our various awards. The dedication of the remodeled lobby occurred on Friday, Sept. 16, during our 60th anniversary celebration.

In addition, a scholarship for non-traditional undergraduate students was established in Dr. Rappoport's name. The first student selected, Kathryn Smiley, received her scholarship this academic year. You can still contribute to the Rappoport Scholarship Fund (Q31701) from the Make a Donation tab on our Web page.

— Jerry Frieman (frieman@k-state.edu)

Recent Award Winners

This year, the J. C. Peterson Prize for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology was awarded Stacy Schuster. Stacy graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA earning a bachelor of science in psychology, with a minor in leadership studies in December 2011. She was a peer instructor for the Enhanced University Experience Program and a teaching practicum recitation instructor in the department of psychology. She is a member of Psi Chi, the international undergraduate honor society in psychology and on the Student Opportunity Awards Committee for K-State's PROUD campaign. She has volunteered for Cats for Cans, Meadowlark Hills Living Community, and the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, Kan. She was an undergraduate research assistant in Dr. Matthew Palmatier's and Dr. Brenda McDaniel's research laboratories. She presented research to the Society for Neuroscience and the Society for Personality and Social Psychology as first author. She was awarded a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship for her innovative project on the emotion of Schadenfreude within romantic relationships, under the mentorship of Dr. McDaniel. She will begin graduate studies in K-State's marriage and family therapy program this fall.



Prof. Brenda McDaniel congratulates her student Stacy Schuster on her winning of the annual Peterson Prize.

This year, the E. J. Phares Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research was awarded to two students: Lea Folsom and Scott Jones. Lea has worked in Dr. Donald Saucier's research laboratory since fall 2008. She contributed to several research projects, including projects examining the relationship between religiosity and the provision versus withholding of help toward gay men. Most impressively, she designed a series of studies at her own initiative to investigate the factors that influence the perceptions of and prejudice toward pregnant women. She presented posters at each of the last three annual conferences for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology as first author, and she is writing two manuscripts to report her work as first author. She received a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship in 2010. In addition to her research, she was a teaching practicum recitation instructor for general psychology and a learning assistant for a CAT Community



Prof. James Shanteau congratulates Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Fellowship winner Tara Haddon.



Dedication of Leon Rappoport Memorial Lobby in Bluemont Hall, Sept. 16, 2011.

course on the Psychology of Prejudice as part of the K-State First Program. Her passion and aptitude for research and teaching are uncommon.

Scott Jones has worked on a number of research projects in Dr. Matthew Palmatier's laboratory since January 2010. He received a Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship in September for his research on interactions between the reinforcing effects of caffeine and alcohol. He also received a fellowship from the Johnson Cancer Research Center for his studies on an animal model of nicotine dependence. From his varied research projects he has earned first authorships on two posters presented at the Society for Neuroscience, and co-authorship on several posters and papers presented at other meetings, including a symposium at the Research Society on Alcoholism this past summer. He also is first author on a manuscript that is being revised and resubmitted to Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, one of the top peer-reviewed publications on alcoholism and alcohol abuse, and will be co-author on at least two additional papers being prepared for publication. He plans to continue his research on caffeine and alcohol through the summer to finish off the studies he proposed for the Doreen Shanteau Fellowship. He is the first undergraduate to appear as a first author on a manuscript co-authored with Dr. Palmatier, who said "Having [an undergraduate] as first author never made sense before Scott joined the lab. He is functioning at the level of an advanced graduate student."

This year we awarded the first Leon Rappoport Psychology Scholarship for a Nontraditional Student in Psychology. The recipient, Kathryn Smiley, will receive this scholarship during the 2012-2013 academic year. Kathryn is currently completing the psychological technician option with a practicum at TFI Family Services. She plans to pursue a master of social work with direct practice emphasis at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Her ultimate goal is to be a licensed social worker working in a therapy setting with military families. To prepare her for this goal, Smiley has been active in research, working with Drs. Satoris Culbertson and Brenda McDaniel on the design and administration of surveys, data entry, coding and analysis, and manuscript preparation.

She was a teaching practicum recitation instructor for general psychology in fall 2011. Her altruistic spirit can be seen by such activities as volunteering at crisis centers, working with the Bravo Company Unit Family Readiness Group to support soldiers and families, and serving as a Safe Zone ally at K-State. Finally, as an employee of the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, she was awarded staff member of the month.

Finally, W. Trey Hill, a doctoral student in psychology, completed the Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality at the Center for Adaptive Behavior and Cognition. This summer institute, which focuses on foundations of an interdisciplinary decision theory, took place July 3-10 at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin. The institute provided a platform for genuinely interdisciplinary research, bringing together young scholars from psychology, biology, philosophy, economics and other social sciences. Its focus was on decision-making in the wild – how cognition adapts to real-world decision-making environments. One of its aims is to provide participants a deeper understanding of the way humans come to grips with a fundamentally uncertain world, with an emphasis on applied contexts such as social interactions, medicine, justice, business and politics.

—Jerry Frieman (frieman@k-state.edu) and Kristi Harper (kharper@k-state.edu)



Prof. Jerry Frieman awards honor cords to Stacy Schuster.

supplements for our GTAs, but we will quickly exhaust this fund if we do not get more donations so that the fund reaches the level where it can be endowed, ensuring adequate income for many years to come.

In addition to these two new funds, the Leon Rappoport Psychology Scholarship for a Nontraditional Student in Psychology (Q31701) was established, and the first award was awarded for the academic year starting in the fall.

The Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Award (Q86950) is endowed through a generous contribution by Dr. James Shanteau in memory of his late wife, Doreen. Each year this award supports four upper-division undergraduate students in psychology to work with a faculty mentor on some dimension of psychological research. The award recipients are expected to conduct their research projects over the course of the academic year in collaboration with their faculty mentors. They are expected to both present their findings at the psychology department's annual undergraduate research convocation at the end of the spring semester and to submit their findings for publication in a psychology journal.

The Ronald G. and Dorothy J. Downey Fund (Q61072) was established by Dr. Ron Downey to honor the memory of Dorothy J. Downey and to support the dissertation research of the industrial/organizational Psychology doctoral student whose proposal shows the greatest promise of making a significant contribution to the field.

We hope you will contribute to these funds from the Make a Donation tab on our web page.

— Jerry Frieman (frieman@k-state.edu)



Rappoport Non-Traditional Student Scholarship winner Kathryn Smiley and her family at the Spring Banquet.

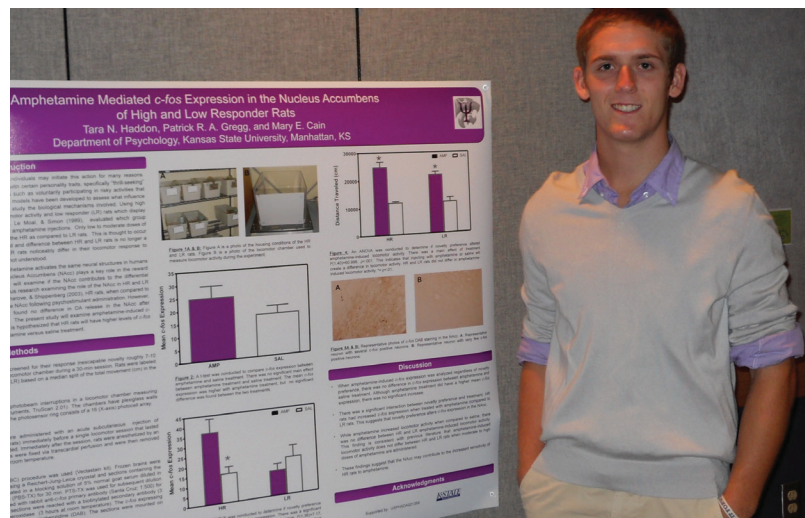
New Foundation Funds to Aid our Students

As part of our 60th anniversary celebration, we established two new funds to aid our students.

The Psychology Undergraduate Award fund (Q12420) was established to provide funds for awards and scholarships to undergraduate psychology students. We have not been able to increase the amount of our Peterson Prize and Phares Award substantially over the years. We would like to establish other awards for outstanding students and to give scholarships to psychology majors, but we will need more donations to reach the level where we can be assured there will always be adequate funding for scholarships and awards.

The Psychology Graduate Teaching Assistant Support Fund (Q12415) was established to supplement our GTA stipends so that we can compete with other programs for top graduate students. We have not been able to increase our GTA stipends for a number of years. While we are still able to attract strong graduate students, we lose a number of people to other programs that can offer more financial support. This fall we will provide the first

Patrick Gregg displays his research poster.



Alumni Council

There are 30 members of the Alumni Advisory Council, with approximately one-third rotating off each year. Current Council members with leadership responsibilities include:

- John Hill (BS 1996) is a manager for human resources with Porsche and current chair of the Council.
- Gail (Burgess) Antenen (BS 1980) is a court services officer in Kansas and chair of the council fundraising committee.
- Milton Ahlerich (BA 1968) recently retired as vice president for security with the National Football League and was previously with the FBI for 25 years.
- Dr. Kelly (Smalley) Burke (Ph.D. 2000) is the Director for Staffing and Human Resources at Payless ShoeSource and a former council chair.
- Dr. William Deeds (Ph.D. 1979) is vice president for academic affairs and dean at Morningside College and a former council chair.
- Dr. Kenneth Sewell (BS 1986) is associate vice president for research and professor of psychology at the University of North Texas, and a former council chair.

Other retiring council members concluding their service this year include Dr. Susan Burns (Ph.D. 2002), an associate professor of psychology at Morningside College, Dr. Sandra McCoy (BA 1988), a clinical psychologist in Manhattan, and Rebecca (Sourk) Suroff (BA 1999), an attorney with the United States District Court.

Members of the K-State Department of Psychology Advisory Council assist the department in a variety of ways. Members advise the department head in an ongoing assessment of the current and future environment of the diverse academic offerings of the department with an emphasis on how the department can respond with its mission of:

- Preparing students to be informed, productive and responsible citizens
- Discovering and disseminating new knowledge
- Supporting the instructional needs of the entire university
- Enriching the quality of people's lives

They also help the department establish mutually beneficial partnerships with individuals, corporations and foundations. Members also actively participate in the department's fundraising efforts, including making personal commitments to the department's annual fund and/or campaign priorities. Further, they advise programs in the department on occupational and career trends. This year's meeting was on campus on Sept. 14.

Continuing council members are Suzette Astley, Jennifer Bonds-Raacke, Mitchell Brigell, Candy Clendening, Paul Detrick, Joel DiGirolamo, Michael Dougherty, Amy Gross, Ann Hackett, Michael Heck, Paul Muchinsky, Douglas Peterson, John Raacke, Fred Sanborn, Nozomu Sonda, Margaret Stockdale, Rebecca Suroff, Canan Sumer, Nebi Sumer, Jinkook Tak, Pat Tetreault, Todd Thiele, Lisa Way, Molly White, and Jim Wright.

Individuals who may be interested in being a council member should contact Ron Downey at 785-532-5475 or downey@k-state.edu. Please provide him a brief statement of your interest and your current employment situation.

New Faculty Profile: YoungAh Park



YoungAh Park just completed her Ph.D. in industrial-organizational psychology at Bowling Green State University in 2012. Born and raised in South Korea, YoungAh worked for several years in Seoul for two different multinational corporations. She came to realize that simply training employees was not enough to ensure their work success and personal well-being. Her realization of other important factors led her to study of industrial/organizational psychology. Being a working wife and mother helped lead YoungAh to her major professional area of research, looking at how employees

balance their work and family life and deal with stress arising from the demands in both areas. She has studied various problems in occupational health, including interpersonal mistreatment in the workplace and how people recover from stress. She will continue to study these problems, as well as teach seminars in these areas and broader industrial/organizational psychology courses. For her own work-life balance, YoungAh enjoys spending time with her daughter Yeewoon, 8, and son Jaewoon, 6, as well as her husband Sunbong Jung, who is a doctoral student in finance at Kent State University. YoungAh and her family enjoy hiking, bike riding, and sports activities together. You may contact her at youngah@k-state.edu. We warmly welcome YoungAh Park to the K-State psychology family.

— Richard Harris (rjharris@k-state.edu)

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, a field trip to the Ellsworth Correctional Facility and social gatherings. The 2011-2012 officers were Samantha Coup, president, Donte Bernard, vice-president, Brittani May, secretary, and Laura Banks, treasurer. Officers for 2012-13 are Donte Bernard, president, Rachel McAdam, vice-president, Karen Akao, secretary, and Jeff Hyder, treasurer.

— Richard Harris (rjharris@k-state.edu)

Marina Vilardo helps a rat walk the tightrope while Prof. Gary Brase shows his friend to a child.



Faculty News

Mark Barnett and his students continue to conduct research on children's responses to prosocial and antisocial teases and peers with undesirable characteristics (such as being extremely aggressive or overweight). Mark's daughter and son-in-law, Megan and John, are attorneys in Minneapolis, Minn. They have a daughter, Leah, and are expecting their second child, a boy, in December. Mark's son, Neil, is an insurance agent with Kansas Farm Bureau in Olathe, Kan.

Jerry Frieman stepped down as department head in June after seven years in that position. After 44 years on the faculty, he will begin a 25 percent, five-year phased retirement and will continue to teach Quantitative Methods and Junior Seminar in the fall.

His wife, Jeanne, is still in private practice part time in Topeka. His son Karl, daughter-in-law, Wanda, and their twin children, Isaac and Taylor, age 9, live in Oakland, Calif. Karl is an attorney with his own private practice in San Francisco. Their daughter, Varda, and her husband, Jim, live in Lyndhurst, N.J. Varda works for Fidelity Corporation in New York City, where she manages a team that handles pension funds for other companies.

Richard Harris continues to do research on social movie quoting, acquisition of information from subtitled film, and cognitive processing in bilinguals. His son Clint is an aspiring actor in Austin, Texas, son Grady is a senior biology major at K-State, and daughter Natalie is a senior French major at KU.

Matthew Palmatier resigned to accept a position at East Tennessee State University.

Laura Brannon and Kimberly Kirkpatrick were promoted to full professor.

Satoris Culbertson was promoted to associate professor with tenure. She also received one of the Stamey Awards for Outstanding Teaching.



Prof. James Shanteau and his children Karen Davis, Jill Shanteau and David Shanteau at his retirement dinner April 2012.

Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS)

The 2011-2012 school year has been another exciting one for the Graduate Association of Psychology Students, or GAPS. GAPS was very involved in the 60th anniversary celebration for the department held this past September 2011. Graduate students helped drive tour vans around the Konza Prairie, served food at the tailgate party, and connected with alumni from all over the country. GAPS was also very involved in the hiring of new faculty over the 2011-2012 academic year. GAPS representatives served on both search committees and the graduate student body met several times with each candidate during their interviews. As a result, graduate students and the whole department are very excited with the high caliber faculty joining our department and we are all excited for more coming changes. In addition to these special events in the department, GAPS has continued to maintain a computer lab for graduate student use and continues to plan department



Grad students Andrew Marshall and Kyle Van Ittersum cook up the barbecue for the GAPS spring picnic.

events like the always popular beginning and end of school pot-luck picnics.

Over the next year, GAPS is welcoming a new class of graduate students by providing mentors to all students to help ease their transition to both graduate school and K-State life. GAPS continues to hold roundtable discussions and plans to organize more in the coming year on such topics as navigating the job market and publication issues. This past year was extremely busy both celebrating the past of the department as well as planning for its future, but everyone is excited for what the new year will bring.

— Kyle Van Ittersum, GAPS president 2011-13 (kwvan@k-state.edu)

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, recently concluded its 12th summer session. The program continues to draw the interest of recent graduates and seasoned professionals from across the country, and students' enthusiasm only keeps increasing.

This year, 21 new and returning students joined Drs. Fullagar and Knight for the two-week, on-campus coursework, hailing (quite literally) from coast-to-coast and border-to-border. With current students from California, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida, and even western Canada, it is safe to say that MIOP is leaving a remarkable footprint. In addition to the intensive, compressed coursework that makes up the on-campus curriculum, MIOP's annual picnic

Summer 2012 MIOP students relax at their picnic.



included its traditional “MIOP-rules” kickball tournament. I can objectively report a decisive year two victory over the upstart newcomers. Despite being greatly outnumbered, the returning students mustered near-Herculean effort to overcome the odds and secure a shutout win 6-0. Six students are currently wrapping up their practica and are slated to complete the program in December 2012. Barring any unexpected delays, early congratulations to each of you!

Those interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit our informational website: www.dce.k-state.edu/artsci/industrialpsych/ or to contact me at miopsych@k-state.edu.

— Christopher Waples, MIOP graduate assistant (cwaples@k-state.edu)

Obituaries

Thaddeus M. Cowan (1934-2012), 77, of Bozeman, Mont., passed away on June 7, 2012 after a long illness. Thad was a true renaissance man and emeritus professor of psychology at Kansas State University. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Centre College (in Kentucky) and his master’s and doctorate at the University of Connecticut. During a 40-year career, he taught thousands of students in General Psychology classes, earning good reviews even from less successful students, and wearing a Santa suit during the fall semester final exam. He also taught advanced psychology courses, especially in perception, sensation, and aesthetics. In addition to K-State, he taught at the University of Connecticut, Albion College, Oklahoma State University and Weber State University.

His publications spanned learning, memory, visual perception, mathematics, and archeo-astronomy. He was best known for his work on mathematical models of visual perception, which drew on the mathematics of topology to show how people interpret impossible figures like those of artist M.C. Escher. For example, he used braid theory to demonstrate turning the Penrose triangle inside-out. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Society for Mathematical Psychology from 1996 to 2002. His work in archeo-astronomy was recognized internationally. He was proudest of his lead article in the journal *Science* in 1970, on the geometry of stone circles in the British Isles.

He was a supporter and consumer of the arts, especially music, and an active member of local Unitarian Universalist congregations throughout his adult life. Family and friends will especially miss his recognizable laugh, ready wit, expansive curiosity and infectious enthusiasm.

He is survived by his wife Peg Wherry of Bozeman, Mont., his brother Conrad Cowan of Vacaville, Calif., daughters Julie (Bruce) Sergeant of Lecompton, Kan., and Cheryl (Robin) Green of Shelton, Wash., and four grandchildren. The Cowan Memorial Fund has been set up at the K-State Foundation, for support of graduate teaching assistants in the psychology department. A celebration of Thad’s life is planned in Manhattan for Oct. 20, 2012.

Kathy Della Ferguson (1948-2010) (Ph.D., 1978) passed away peacefully at her home in Utica, N.Y., on Oct. 24, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. She was survived by her partner of 19 years, Cheryl Wilkinson, two sons and a daughter and their spouses, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She had taught at Utica College for 32 years after her graduation from K-State in 1978. She had been dean of the School of Health Professions and Education since 1999.

Shirley Olson (1939-2012) passed away of cancer on July 27, 2012 in Manhattan at age 73. She served K-State for an amazing 47 years, mostly as assistant to 10 different Deans of the College of Arts and Sciences since the early 1970s. Survivors include her husband, Willard, and son, Casey of Manhattan; five sisters and one brother. The College has established a scholarship in her name to support first generation students with financial need. Shirley believed that every student who wanted to work hard and earn a college degree deserved a chance.

Alumni News (compiled by Richard Harris)

The news below comes from numerous alumni from our undergraduate and graduate programs across several decades. It is always so 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 education in psychology in ways they probably never dreamed of when they were here. Please continue to send news and pictures for future newsletters to rjharris@k-state.edu.

Here is this year’s news, in order by graduation year.

1981

Kristin Bruno (Ph.D.) retired from her administrative position at Glendale College this summer and is enjoying retirement. Her husband, Michael Barnes, continues teaching at California State Northridge. Their son Carl Barnes received his law degree from George Washington University this spring.

1990

Stacey Beisel (B.S.) is a counselor in private practice in Edwardsville, Ill. She has two sons, Landon and Latham, ages 10 and 8.

Angela Hayes (M.S., B.S., 1984) recently began working as alumni career services assistant director at K-State. She does career counseling for current graduate students, as well as alumni.

1992

Edmond Leboeuf (B.S.) graduated with a degree in economics from Washburn University in December 2010. He has performed in three plays at Washburn in the past couple of years, and does volunteer work as a mediator for a victim-offender program in Shawnee County. He and his spouse, Lyuda, live in Topeka and enjoy traveling. In the past year have visited Paris, Rome, Moscow, Budapest, Switzerland and Ukraine. Ed works for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

1995

Andrew Johnson (Ph.D.), professor of psychology at Park University in Parkville Mo., recently won his university’s highest faculty award, the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award-Park University for 2012. This is the highest and most recent award of many that Ande has received for his work at Park University. Ande and his wife, Buffy, and their daughters, Ellye and Aeva, live in Kearney, Mo.



Andrew Johnson (Ph.D., 1995) is reunited with his dissertation committee (Professors Harris, Cowan, and Thompson) at the 60th anniversary celebration in September 2011.



Andrew Johnson (Ph.D., 1995) receives his outstanding teacher award from Park University.

1996

David Schrag (M.S.) has recently moved to Champaign Ill., where his wife Tina Huang is on the faculty in the chemistry department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dave earned his Ph.D in anthropology and formerly taught at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. He and his wife have two daughters and a son.

1998

Shanna (Dick) Trujillo (B.S.) married Chad Jager on April 27, 2012. Shanna is an assistant instructor and Chad a police sergeant at K-State.

1999

J. Andrew Karafa (Ph.D.) is now associate dean of arts and sciences at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. His wife, Thuy Pham Karafa (M.S., 2000), teaches anthropology and psychology at Ferris State.

Jeff Sable (Ph.D.) recently joined the faculty in behavioral sciences at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. He lives with his wife, **Helen Kaczmarek**, and son, Karl, in Memphis, Tenn.

2000

Jessica (Kopecky) Tipton (B.S.) works as a librarian at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan. She received her second master's, an education specialist degree in human services with an option in learning resources, from the University of Central Missouri in July 2011. She and her husband, Robert, welcomed identical twin daughters in February 2010.

Whittier College professor Christina Scott (Ph.D., 2000) and her students on a teaching visit in Suzhou, China in summer 2012.



2001

Catherine Blair (M.S.) 2003 lives with her husband, Chris, and son in San Mateo, Calif. She is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom as well as a freelance professional violist.

Desirae McKenzie Moreno (B.S.) graduated from Wichita State University in August with her doctorate in clinical psychology. She recently began working at ComCare, the community mental health center serving Sedgwick County, doing therapy and psychological assessments.



Alums John Raacke, Jennifer Bonds-Raacke and Susan Burns at 60th anniversary celebration in September 2011.

2004

Lindsey Firebaugh Bock (B.A.) earned her master's in clinical psychology from Washburn University and works as a neuropsychometrician at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kan., in the neuropsychology department.

Rickey Thomas (Ph.D.) has tenure at the University of Oklahoma. His career is going very well, with recently published papers in *Psychological Review* and the journal *Science*. Rickey and his wife, Lisa, are proud parents of a son Eli, 4.

2005

Chelsea Mueller Bartel (B.S.) and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed a son, Gideon, into the world in February 2012. He joins older sister, Evelyn. Chelsea completed her doctorate in school psychology at North Carolina State University and is currently working in a postdoctoral position.

Amy McCabe Connor (Ph.D.) and her husband, Christopher, had a daughter, Emma, born on Nov. 2, 2011. She has an older sister, Leah, 6, and older brother, Patrick, 5. Amy is the research and evaluation specialist with Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 school district.

John Raacke (Ph.D.) is now chair of the department of criminal justice at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan. He lives in Hays with his wife **Jennifer Bonds-Raacke** (Ph.D., 2004), chair of the psychology department at Fort Hays, and their daughters, Callie and Brooke.

2006

Jeffrey Bartel (Ph.D.) just started as an associate professor at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa., about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh. SHU is a Catholic liberal arts school. In addition to teaching Introductory Psychology, Psychology of Women, and Introduction to Counseling, he manages the internship program.

Travis Flewelling (M.S.) and his wife, Amy, celebrated their 10th anniversary last summer with a trip to Jamaica. Travis earned his Ph.D. in school psychology from Northern Illinois University. Travis and Amy have two daughters.

Crystal Kelley (B.S.) works at Washington State University as a scientific assistant/lab manager assisting in research that will hopefully lead to the development of therapies for psychiatric disorders. She lives in Pullman, Wash.

Tirza Shulman (Ph.D.) recently was promoted to associate professor of psychology (with tenure) at the University of Wisconsin Fond du Lac.



Matt Palmatier enjoys the company of his students Chloe Noll and Scott Jones at the annual spring banquet.

2007

Christopher Barlett (M.S., B.S., 2004) recently joined the faculty in the department of psychology at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., after completing his Ph.D. in social psychology at Iowa State University in 2011. He and his wife, Natalie (Brown), welcomed son, Eric Christopher Barlett, into the world on July 19 in Ames, Iowa.

Laura Platt (B.S.) married Ryan Lawrence Wolfe on May 26, 2012, in Kansas City, Mo. Laura earned her medical degree at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and recently began an obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her husband has two engineering degrees and works as a project engineer manager for Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Mo., where they live.

2008

Lisa J. Bruna (B.S.) has completed her master's degree in counseling psychology at Washington State University and is working on her doctorate while doing an internship and teaching in Portland, Ore.

Marisela Gutierrez Stocks (B.S.) completed her master's degree in clinical neuroscience at the University of Texas at Tyler in 2011. She married Eric Stocks, a psychology professor, on Oct. 28, 2011, in Tyler, Texas.

2009

Christopher Rodeheffer (B.S.) completed his M.S. in psychology at Texas Christian University and is now working on his doctorate. He and his wife Kim live in Euless, Texas.

2010

Jennifer Livengood (M.S.) and her husband, Shawn, welcomed daughter, Heni Jane Livengood, into the world on Feb. 27, 2012.

Steve Keck (B.S.) is manager at the Bluestem Bistro in Aggieville, where he has worked for six years. He started a very popular event "Sing-along with Mr. Steve" every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10 a.m, where parents bring their young children to sing along with Steve as he plays the guitar. His wife, Amber, works at the Manhattan Public Library.

Gwen Powell (M.S.) recently became engaged to Pavlo Pylyavskyy. She is a divinity student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

2011

Lynn Beer (B.S.) began graduate school in industrial/organizational psychology at K-State last January.



Victoria Hatch show a tightrope-running rat to some curious young Open House visitors.

Sol Erdozain-Paterno recently began graduate studies in marriage and family therapy at K-State.

Melanie Hall (B.A.) is teaching with Teach for America.

Stacy Schuster (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in marriage and family therapy at K-State.

Sara Smith (Ph.D.) is married to Matt Conley. They live in Topeka, Kan.

Emily Waldo (B.A.) is working toward a master's degree in occupational therapy at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

2012

Shelby Anderson (B.S.) is working towards a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

Jaime Arreola (B.S.) completed a term with an International Service Team in Brazil this past summer and will begin service with the Peace Corps.

Laura Banks (B.S.) is working on her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

Jackie Capite (B.S.) is attending law school in Jacksonville, Fla. She plans to specialize in sports law.

Jennifer Cooper (B.S.) is working toward a master's degree in social work at the University of Kansas.

Samantha Coup (B.S.) is working toward a master's degree in counseling at the University of Kansas.

Bernardo de la Garza (Ph.D., M.S., 2009) is assistant professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Brownsville. Bernie and his wife, Iris Barrera, a dentist, are expecting their first child in December. They live in Edinburg, Texas.

Katrina Ellis (M.S.) is working toward a doctorate in applied cognitive psychology at Michigan Tech University.

Jessica Eltomi (B.S.) is working toward a master's degree in clinical child psychology at the Adler Institute in Chicago.

Isaac Falcon-Campos (B.S.) is in graduate studies in family studies and human services at K-State.

Tyler Freeman (Ph.D.) works at the Army Research Institute in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Rachel Helmke (B.S.) is a graduate student in school psychology at Emporia State University.

Jiquan Lin (B.S.) began studies for a doctorate in developmental psychology at the University of Denver.

Thomas May (B.S.) is working toward a doctorate in industrial organizational psychology at Central Michigan University. He and his wife welcomed son Zackary in December 2011.

Russell Webster (Ph.D.) is a visiting assistant professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

Several recent bachelor's degree graduates are taking a year to work before applying to graduate school. They include **Mengmeng Zhu, Lea Folsom, Rachel Peoples, Scott Jones** and **Chloe Noll**.

Bernardo de la Garza and his wife, Iris Barrera, on the occasion of his dissertation defense July 2012



Honor Roll of Giving to Psychology Department (July 2011-June 2012)

Thad Cowan (Deceased)
 Jerry and Jeanne Frieman
 Milt and Alice Ahlerich
 Jim Shanteau
 John Hill
 Michael Kaye and Susana Valdovinos
 Bruce and Jackie Shubert
 Darci Bohnenblust
 Clive Fullagar and Dorothy Farrand
 Laura Brannon
 Bill Burgwin

Matthew Palmatier and Sara Mietzner
 Gary and Sandra Brase
 Dorothy Bevan
 Allen Eason and Brenda McDaniel
 Satoris Culbertson
 Kimberly Kirkpatrick
 Lamont Bloom
 Glenn Kubina
 Royer and Kathleen Cook
 Donald and Margaret Downing
 George Barnes and Kristin Bruno

Gary and Valerie Gaeth
 Dale and Earlene Jirik
 Robert and Carole LaMotte
 Henry and Pauline Masters
 Steven Rogers
 James Mitchell
 Richard Harris and Caprice Becker
 Kimberly Linin and James Devlin
 Dumont and Barbara Schmidt
 Stanley and Sarah Sloan
 Gary and Carla Van Hoesen
 Sharon and Richard Wilsnack
 Michael and Marsha Stevenson
 Mary and Stephen Handel
 Ingo and Susan Keilitz
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