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SHARON STERLING RETIRES!

A reception was held in the Kansas State Union on December 6, 2001 to honor Sharon Sterling's retirement. As virtually everyone around the Psychology Department in recent memory knows, Sharon had been with the Department for close to 20 years and represented the bedrock of our main office. Her reception was attended by a very large number of people: faculty (current and former), staff, graduate students, undergraduate students, alumni, Dean's Office staff, Sharon's family, and many other individuals from all over campus. Much to Sharon's enjoyment was that a lot of babies and small children were in attendance.

Many of you also responded to our request to write a note to Sharon. She accumulated all of the e-mails, cards, and notes and put them into a large scrapbook. Those notes meant a great deal to her. We collected enough funds to buy Sharon some parting gifts. Rather than a gold watch, she received a leather K-State jacket for riding on the back of Ray's motorcycle, an engraved clock for her mantle, and gift certificates to the Town Center Mall.

Sharon is enjoying her retirement, but she still stays very busy. She worked in the Arts & Sciences Copy Center at the start of fall and spring semesters when they were short-



Sharon Sterling shows off her new K-State leather jacket.

handed. This summer, she helped out in the Department of Biochemistry when their main office was without secretarial help. In each case, not surprisingly, they have tried to convince her to stay on, but she enjoys her freedom too much. She works in her garden and visits family frequently. Fortunately for us, she continues to stay in close touch and still has her email address (skay@ksu.edu).

Sharon's retirement has represented an adjustment for all of us in the Department, and we miss seeing her every work day.

—Stephen Kiefer
(swkiefer@ksu.edu)

NEW FACE IN THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Taking Sharon's place as Administrative Assistant in the Psychology Department office beginning January 2, 2002 is Ila Axton. Ila was originally from Oklahoma but grew up in Wichita and went to college at Wichita State University. With her husband being retired military, they traveled a lot before settling down in Manhattan. Ila has three grown sons and enjoys reading, cooking, and eating. Before coming to Psychology, she worked for eight years in offices of the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and the Diagnostic Laboratory at the College of Veterinary Medicine at KSU. She reports that she really enjoys working with the students and faculty in the Psychology Department. We appreciate the great job she's doing here. Welcome, Ila!

—Richard Harris



Ila Axton

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Greetings once again to all of our students, alumni, and friends of the Psychology Department. We have had another eventful year, and this newsletter is a wonderful way to keep you informed.

Our number of undergraduate Psychology majors has climbed back over 400; a few years ago we were in the low 300's. Many of these undergraduates have been active in the Department. We had 27 students involved in the annual Undergraduate Research Convocation last April, the largest number in the 18 year history of the event. To accommodate all of the presentations, we had to use two separate rooms in the Union! A large number of our undergraduate students have also been active in regional and national meetings. Some of them are co-authors with graduate students and faculty, while some undergraduates have presented their own research. This year, a large contingent of undergraduate students presented papers at the Great Plains Students Psychology Conference in Emporia KS. To provide continuous, updated information about our undergraduates, please check our website. We are currently developing a new page on our department website that will identify the outstanding undergraduate students who have won major departmental awards such as the Peterson Prize and the E.J. Phares Undergraduate Research Award.

Our graduate program continues to be a major strength of the department. We have 9 new graduate students matriculating this fall, bringing our total number to approximately 55. An exact number is difficult to establish because Ph.D. students finish their dissertations and complete the program at all times of the year. We are extremely proud of a group of our current graduate students who, under the direction of Dr. Uhlarik, won the NASA/FAA competitive award for Innovative Systems Design (see accompanying article).

The first William Griffitt Memorial Lecture was held in November of 2001. Our guest speaker was Dr. Bernardo Carducci from the Indiana University Southeast. Dr. Carducci is one of Dr. Griffitt's former graduate students who, besides being a professor at IU-Southeast, also established the Shyness Research Institute and serves as its Director. Dr. Carducci gave a great presentation that was attended by university students and staff, the news media, in addition to Sue Griffitt, Bill's wife, and Bill's two children, Doug and Carrie. Dr. Carducci presented Bill's family with an autographed copy of his personality textbook, and he made an extremely generous contribution to the William Griffitt Memorial Fund, both of which were much appreciated.

This coming year will be a challenging one for our faculty. We have two open positions and are currently recruiting again in the Industrial/Organizational area. We have two faculty members on sabbatical leave (Dr. Shanteau for a full year; Dr. Fullagar for the fall semester) and one faculty member (Dr. Cozzarelli) who is spending the year in Washington, D.C. on a special fellowship working with federal lawmakers as they draft legislation that has a social and behavioral emphasis. In addition to the temporary absences, Dr. Becky Brockel moved to the private sector in July and is currently working in the research department for a large pharmaceutical firm. Although Dr. Brockel was with us for only three years, she had a large impact on the Behavioral Neuroscience/Animal Learning program, and we will miss her greatly.

The aftermath of September 11 has affected the entire country and Kansas State University is no exception. A great

deal of the news has focused on financial difficulties, and we find ourselves affected in several ways. Research priorities at the federal level have shifted, and this has had ramifications for our extramural funding. Our faculty continues to have success in securing funding, but it is clear that some flexibility is going to be required to maintain our current level of funding. The State of Kansas, as with most states, has found itself quite short on projected revenues. As a result, all state agencies have been subject to difficult budget negotiations. For the current fiscal year, the College of Arts and Sciences managed to plan ahead, and the effects of the budget cuts have not been quite so severe at the department level. Regardless of the financial situation, our faculty continues to maintain their high level of commitment for undergraduate and graduate education as that will always be our first priority.

In December of 2001, as many of you already know, Sharon Sterling retired from the Department. The faculty and staff sponsored a reception in the Union for her retirement attended by many friends from the entire university community. We were fortunate to hire Ila Axton who has ably assumed the duties of overseeing the undergraduate records and various secretarial jobs. Ila has quickly acclimated to the department and, along with Alka Kapil, form the foundation for the main office.

Many of our current students, faculty, and staff will appreciate the new look in the main office. After over 20 years of heavy traffic and extremely hard use, we replaced the carpet in the office and, along with the relatively new paint, managed to brighten the room considerably. We were also able to place new carpet in Bluemont 5102, our primary classroom. We use this room for our Experimental Methods laboratories and many of our core courses. Some of you may recall that we installed a computer and video projector in this same room approximately two years ago.

The faculty and staff continue to enjoy hearing from all of our friends and alumni. Many of you have taken the time to correspond with the Department, and we try to include all of your news in the Alumni News at the back of the newsletter. We have a large contingent of graduates living in or near Manhattan, and seeing them is always a treat. Please continue to stay in touch, and I hope the year ahead is filled with many good things for all of you.

—Stephen W. Kiefer (swkiefer@ksu.edu)



Department Head Stephen Kiefer with 2001 office staff Sharon Sterling and Alka Kapil.

MASTER'S IN INDUSTRIAL/ ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (MIOP)



MIOP graduate assistant Joel Lundstrom keeps in touch with students all over the country.

The MIOP program continues to thrive. We are in our third year of the program, and we currently have 37 Master's students in the program from all over the country, including Florida, North Carolina, Connecticut, Georgia and California. One of the strengths of the program is its diversity. We currently have stu-

dents who are relatively new to the field of human resources as well as senior management in large corporations and educational administrators. There is also a significant amount of ethnic, gender, and age diversity which makes for some very interesting discussions. We expect to have our first graduating class in December of this year .

—Clive Fullagar (fullagar@ksu.edu)

GAPS (Graduate Association of Students in Psychology)

GAPS would like to thank Jeff Bartel for his many years of service to GAPS. We all wish him the best of luck with his new position on the faculty at Shippensburg University, and want him to know that he will be missed at KSU.

The annual fall picnic was held at Keats Park on August 24 to kick off the school year. The annual GAPS Halloween party will be held Thursday the 31st of October. Please feel free to contact any of the officers with ideas or questions about GAPS 2002-2003 (Will Gibson, President, willg@ksu.edu; Sweta Kannan, Vice President, afterblue@yahoo.com; Tirza Shulman, Treasurer, tirza@ksu.edu; Jeff Mark, Mentor Chair, jmark@ksu.edu).

—Jeff Mark

PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS PLACE FIRST IN STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION



NASA/FAA national design competition winners Kim Raddatz, Rickey Thomas, Pete Elgin, and Professor John Uhlarik.

Under the supervision of Dr. John Uhlarik, four graduate students in the Cognitive/Human Factors program placed first in a national design competition sponsored by NASA and the FAA. The competition is part of a government effort to stimulate technology breakthroughs and their application to general aviation. This year students were challenged to develop innov-

ative systems in support of NASA's Small Aircraft Transportation Systems (SATS) research program.

Kim Raddatz, Peter Elgin, Rickey Thomas and Christina Prey took first for their advanced cockpit display system. Using usability assessment techniques with current pilots and research-based human factors principles, the students designed a system that would allow non-instrument rated pilots to land a single engine aircraft in poor weather conditions.

Representatives from NASA and the FAA presented the award at AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin this summer. The students also made a formal presentation of their project to government officials at this forum. Kim Raddatz, team leader, said, "Because the team consisted of individuals with widely different interests in applied experimental psychology, working together on the competition provided a unique collaborative experience. It also allowed us the opportunity to apply our training in psychology to an important real-world problem."

Peter Elgin and Rickey Thomas were awarded summer research fellowships at NASA - Langley for their involvement in the winning design. Undergraduates assisting with the project included Ben Schlorholtz, Sarah Coddington, and Sarah Hanzlick. Other entrants were primarily from engineering programs and included Georgia Tech, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, George Mason University, and University of Oklahoma.

—John J. Uhlarik (uhlarik@ksu.edu)

FACULTY NEWS (compiled by Richard Harris)

Mark Barnett (*barn@ksu.edu*) continues his research on social-emotional development in children. His research group has recently completed a pair of studies on children's perceptions of antisocial and prosocial teasing as well as some potential correlates of individual differences in children's tendencies to engage in both forms of teasing. Mark's daughter Megan is completing the Honors Program in Psychology at the University of Minnesota this year and plans to attend law school next year. Son Neil is currently a sophomore at the University of Kansas with plans to major in business.



Professor Laura Brannon

Laura Brannon (*lbrannon@ksu.edu*) continues her research in the areas of persuasion and compliance. She and her students are working on projects to improve public service announcements promoting healthy behaviors. In particular, they are examining different ways of tailoring health information to the needs and values of the audience members in order to personalize the messages. On a more

personal note, she became an aunt this year to Caitlyn Marie Brannon and is enjoying the opportunity to spoil the baby.

Catherine Cozzarelli (*psycozz@ksu.edu*) is on leave during 2002-03 in Washington DC where she is serving as an APA Congressional Fellow. After a three-week orientation in early September, she was paired up with Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico to work on his staff for the rest of the year. She is working on women's health issues (both national and international), poverty and welfare, and discrimination/hate crimes. Her activities will vary, but Fellows typically write briefs to inform their "boss" about psychological research on various issues, help write laws and formulate policy, attend Congressional meetings and briefings, interact with lobbyists and constituents, etc. From all accounts, it is quite exciting, and she is really looking forward to getting started.

Ronald Downey (*downey@ksu.edu*) continues working most of his time as Associate Provost and Director of Planning and Analysis while still advising grad students in I/O psychology and teaching an occasional course.

Dorothy Farrand (*farrand@ksu.edu*) continues teaching part-time for the Department of Psychology, teaching the clinical lab every fall semester and supervising the field placement every spring.

Jerome Frieman's (*frieman@ksu.edu*) textbook *Learning and Adaptive Behavior* was published last December by Wadsworth, and he is now working on a textbook for Quantitative Methods, which will be published by Allyn and Bacon.



Professor Scott Hemenover (top left) and his research lab students Fall 2002.

He continues to work for the Provost as Coordinator of Department Head Training and Development, where he is responsible for the Orientation for New Department Heads, the Department Heads' Seminar Series, and the Department Heads' Resource (web) Page. This year he is starting a new series called First Tuesday Breakfast

Roundtables as a forum for sharing ideas.

Jerry's students and he have been comparing learning in dwarf hamsters (a social species) and golden hamsters (a solitary species). These include studies on the social transmission of flavor preferences (dwarf hamsters learn from each other but golden hamsters only learn from their mothers), Pavlovian conditioning of social behaviors to conspecifics that predict food (rats exhibit social behavior toward another rat that predicts food; still collecting data on hamsters), and the effects of social and environmental enrichment on problem solving (enrichment appears to help, but it is too early to say more).

His wife Jeanne is continuing in private practice and now has an associate to whom she will turn over all of her practice in the next few years. Their son Karl is an attorney with JP Morgan Chase in San Francisco and lives with his wife in Oakland. Daughter Varda is a consultant with Mellon HR Solutions and lives with her husband in Belleville NJ.

Clive Fullagar (*fullagar@ksu.edu*) is on sabbatical for fall semester 2002, although he is mostly remaining in Manhattan working on research. Over the past three years he has been doing some research that has been funded by the Office of Naval Research looking at behavior in teams. The grants totaled approximately \$200,000, and the research has generated an enormous amount of data. His sabbatical plans are to analyze these data and write them up into several research publications.

Richard Harris (*rjharris@ksu.edu*) continues his research on language and communication. Current projects are looking at autobiographical memory for media experiences, like watching sports, movies, or advertising. Other projects are more psycholinguistically based and include bilingual cognition, lexical access, and the drawing of inferences from text. He is also working on the fourth edition of his *A Cognitive Psychology of Mass Communication* for Lawrence Erlbaum Associates and taking over as Psi Chi advisor during Cathy Cozzarelli's sabbatical for the year 2002-03..

Leon Rappoport's (*rappo@ksu.edu*) book about food and eating behaviors will be published by ECW Press in the Spring of 2003, under the title *How We Eat: Appetite, Anxiety and the*

Psychology of Food. Leon and his wife Karen were deeply saddened by the tragic death of their son Paul, age 40, in July 2002 in Washington DC, of liver failure and complications from Crohn's Disease, hepatitis, and other illnesses.

James Shanteau (*shanteau@ksu.edu*) will be doing three things on his sabbatical this academic year. First, he will be visiting colleagues in France, The Netherlands, and Spain to talk about joint research on decision making generally and air

traffic control specifically. Second, he is working on a book intended for a general audience tentatively entitled "How to Make Better Decisions." This will be based on what he has learned from 25 years of teaching decision making and 20 years of research on experts. Third, he plans to take some time off in October to travel with his wife Doreen around the country. They have always wanted to travel in the Fall, but his academic schedule prevented it. So this year, they will finally be able to see the autumn sights in other places.

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 KSU, many others are using their psychology in ways they probably never dreamed of when they were here. Please continue to send us news for future newsletters. Here is this year's news, by order of graduation years. Note that news is alphabetized by last name within graduation year.

Arthur Brayfield (Department Head, 1950s) passed away at age 86 on March 15, 2002 at his home in Ashland OR. Brayfield received his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1946 and taught at Colorado State University, UCLA, and University of California-Berkeley before becoming Department Head at KSU, Penn State University, and Claremont Graduate University. Following this, he was chief executive officer for the American Psychological Association from 1962-68 and remained active in APA governance all his life. Brayfield is survived by his wife Austin, four children, 14 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

James F. Sanford (Ph.D., 1973) is Professor of Psychology at George Mason University in Fairfax VA, where he is Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies. He is active in the university's Writing Across the Curriculum program and is the

author (with Christopher Thaiss) of *Writing for Psychology* (Allyn & Bacon, 2000). He also does research on memory, cognition, and mentoring in higher education. He recently developed an e-mail mentoring program to link psychology majors with freshman in introductory psychology.

Doris Wright (B.S., 1974), an Associate Professor in the College of Education at KSU, along with her mother and brothers, have established the Lawrence G. Wright Multicultural Scholarship at KSU, to honor her father Lawrence Wright by supporting a multicultural student in the KSU College of Education.

Gregory Monaco (Ph.D., 1978) is serving a second year as Program Director for the National Science Foundation's Division of Advanced Networking, Computers and Information Science, and Engineering Directorate. He manages the High Performance Network Connections program and the Strategic Technology of the Internet program. Greg continues as President of the Board of Directors of Monaco and Associates, Inc. and is on leave as Director for Research of the Great Plains Network project of the University of Kansas.

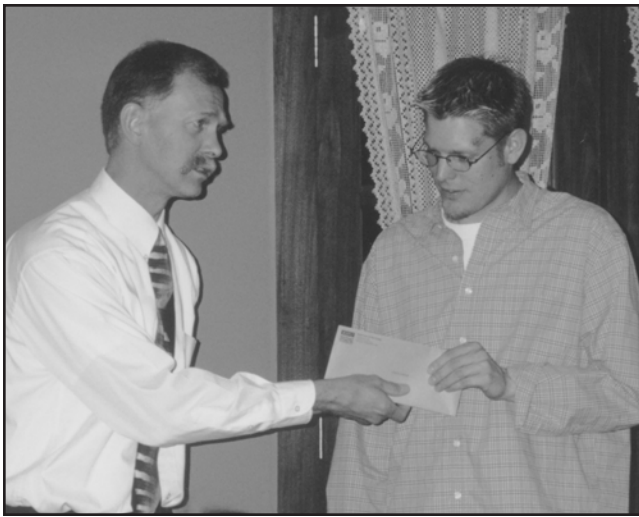
Jeffrey Reed (Ph.D., 1979) teaches at Marian College in Fond du Lac WI, where he is program director for the Management Program in the Business Division. He also is a part-time institutional researcher for Marian. Jeff, his wife Sylvia, and son Dan, a senior in high school, continue to be active in many sports and community activities.

Jeanne Tomiser (M.S., 1979) and her husband **Greg Monaco** (Ph.D., 1978) continue to live in Topeka KS, where Jeanne continues to be Head of the Psychology Department at Kansas Neurological Institute. Son Eliot recently graduated from Northwestern University with a major in Theater, and daughter Elise is a ninth grader.

Camille Barnett (Ph.D., 1980) recently left her long-time job with KSU and moved to Germany, where she will soon be getting married to a German friend (who is also a distant relative!). Children Megan (21) and Neil (19) are in college at University of Minnesota and University of Kansas, respectively.



Jeanne Tomiser (M.S., 1979), Greg Monaco (Ph.D., 1978), and their children Eliot (as mime) and Elise.



Professor Stephen Kiefer presents the award check to Chris Loersch, the 2001 Peterson Prize recipient for Outstanding Graduating Senior.

Bernardo Carducci (Ph.D., 1981) returned to KSU to give the first William Griffith Memorial Lecture on November 15, 2001 on the topic "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Shyness but Were Too Shy to Ask." This lecture series was established to honor the late KSU Psychology Professor Bill Griffith, who died in 1999. Bernie is Professor of Psychology at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany IN. He has researched, lectured, and written widely on the problem of shyness. He has also written a Personality Psychology text and numerous research and popular articles. He is frequently interviewed by national media as an expert on shyness.

Ann Bristow (KSU Psychology faculty 1980-85) is currently on the faculty in the Psychology Department at Frostburg State University in western Maryland. Her daughter Ashley (24) is studying nursing in Richmond VA.

Richard Ettenson (Ph.D., 1984) is now on the faculty at the Thunderbird School of Business in Phoenix AZ.

Laura Milner (Ph.D., 1985) teaches in the School of Management at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. During Spring 2002 she was a Fulbright Lecturer and Researcher at the University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa. During the current semester (Fall 2002) Laura is guest lecturing at various schools in Australia and Singapore. (School of Management, University of Alaska, Fairbanks AK 99775-6080, e-mail fflmm@auf.edu).

Frances Engle (B.S., 1986) works as Employee Relations Manager for Koch Petroleum Group in Wichita KS. She has two children: Caroline (6) and Luke (4). (pfcl@prodigy.net)

Jody A. Esper (Ph.D., 1986) died at Northwestern University Medical Center in May 2002, after waiting unsuccessfully for a liver transplant since April 2001. Jody had suffered from hepatitis for several years. From the time of her graduation from KSU until her death, Jody was on the faculty in the

Psychology Department at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso IN, where she also served as Department Chair for several years. Jody was a valued colleague, mentor, and friend to many. She will be long remembered for her great teaching skills and sincere interest in and caring for others. Her cheerfulness and encouragement will be sadly missed by many students, colleagues, family, and friends.

Lawrence Schoen (Ph.D., 1987) began work in November 2001 as Director of Research for the Wedge Medical Center, which has four facilities in the Philadelphia PA area providing Mental Health and Drug/Alcohol Counseling. He constructs research designs, gathers data, and performs analyses to look at the issues of effectiveness, retention, and engagement in a variety of clinical settings. He is enjoying the challenge of attempting "empiricism in a setting that thrives on vague procedures and totally subjective measurements."

Lawrence also continues his work with the Klingon Language Institute (www.kli.org), created for the serious scientific study of the Klingon language from *Star Trek*. The institute recently marked its tenth year of publishing the *KLI Quarterly Journal* as well as the introduction of the new Klingon translation of Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*. Lawrence also continues his work as a science fiction writer, having written two novels and published numerous poems, stories, and novelettes.

Michael Klassen (Ph.D., 1987) continues on the faculty in the Department of Marketing at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls IA.

Curt Drennen (B.S., 1989) earned a B.S.N. in Nursing at KU Medical Center in 1992 and, in 2001, his Psy.D. degree from the University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology. He recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship through the University of Colorado and the State of Colorado's Mental Health Services in Administration and Program Evaluation. In this job he conducted research on assertive community treatment for those with mental illness involved with the criminal justice system. He also worked on developing a Cultural Competency training program for the state of Colorado. Curt and his wife Mariette have two children, Hannah (6) and Grace (19 months) and live in Littleton CO. (curdren@hotmail.com)



Professor James Shanteau and grad students Jan Crow, Anne Pingnot, and Rickey Thomas share a light moment in a seminar meeting.



Jessica Yanda, Sarah Coddington, Patricia Marsh, Nikki Fisher, and Jolyn Whitaker pose in Professor Scott Hemenover's lab.

Therese Meyer (B.A., 1989) earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Auburn University in 1998 and completed a fellowship in Rehabilitation Psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2001. She now works as a clinical psychologist at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield IL. Therese remains active in clinical work and research in burn injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, and cancer.

Robin Hilsabeck (Wetherill) (B.S., 1990) completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Louisiana State University in 1999 and a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center in 2001. She is now an assistant professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where she also serves as Director of Cognitive Programs. (*Robin.Hilsabeck@ttmc.ttuhs.edu*).

Rajan Mahadevan (M.S., 1991), after leaving KSU, earned his Ph.D. at Florida State University in Cognitive Psychology and now is on the faculty in the Psychology Department at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Rajan was well-known for his memorist feats, which were studied at KSU through a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. He made the Guinness Book of World Records by memorizing the value of pi to 31,811 decimal places, which took several hours to recite, even at his very rapid rate. A video made of Rajan's memory feats is still frequently shown in KSU psychology classes, and his accomplishments are cited in many textbooks.

Edmond Leboeuf (B.S., 1992) received a Master's in Public Administration from KSU in 1994 and now works in the law office of the Kansas Department of Transportation as Special Investigator. He also received a Legal Studies degree from Washburn University in 1997 and continues to study there in the Mass Media program.

Joselyn McLaughlin (B.S., 1992) lives in South Carolina.

Clifford Mulenga (B.A., 1992) moved to Lawrenceville GA (near Atlanta) from California last year and works in management for Walgreen's. Cliff and his wife had their third child (Maxwell) on May 9, 2002.

Elizabeth McGehee Nelson (Ph.D., 1992) continues as Psychology Department Head at Christian Brothers University in Memphis TN. She was recently honored as one of "Fifty Women Who Make a Difference" in Memphis.

Yoon Yang (Ph.D., 1992) has been on leave from his faculty position in Korea to pursue postdoctoral research with his former mentor James Shanteau at KSU. Yoon was a visiting scholar at KSU in Spring 2002 and will return in Spring 2003.

Denise Cadwallader (B.A., 1993) works at the Manhattan Public Library in Manhattan KS.

Kamila S. White (B.S., 1993) received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1999. She is now Assistant Research Professor at Boston University Department of Psychology, where she is the Director of Behavioral Medicine for the Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders. Kami and her husband, to whom she has been happily married for four years, live in Newton MA.

Cindy Cook (B.S., 1994) is Assistant Director of Counseling Services at the University of Houston-Clear Lake and also teaches there part-time. She received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and passed her exam to be a Licensed Psychologist in January 2001. Her husband Kyle Warwick is the Catering Manager at Rice University. Cindy and Kyle live with their dog Cory in a house in League City TX.

Kimberly Harper (M.S., 1995) works in the system office for the University of Nebraska as a Budget and Information Analyst. She does a lot of institutional research on issues like faculty salaries, student enrollments, and comparison with peer institutions. She and her husband Gary have children Sullivan (5) and Delaney (3 1/2) and live in Lincoln NE (*kkharper@unb.edu*)



Professor Jerome Frieman presents graduation honor cords to Kristi Wyatt at the department graduation reception.

Mary Miller Lewis (B.S., 1995) defended her Ph.D. dissertation in Counseling Psychology at the University of Akron in October 2001. After a year-long internship in Florida, Mary and her husband Joe now live in Columbus OH, where Mary is Clinical Services Coordinator for Senior Life Consultants. She is in charge of marketing and recruiting for Northeast and Southwest Ohio, coordinating services among 35 psychologists and clinicians and over 110 nursing homes. She also is a clinician part-time, doing both psychotherapy and dementia assessment. She also is the firm's person in charge of web site design and is helping set up a research program. She describes this as "an incredible job, what I've been dreaming of for my career." Mary also has recently published articles in the *Journal of Adult Development* and the *Journal of Counseling and Development*. (Marylewis@earthlink.net)

Camilla Williams (B.A., 1995) recently completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Michigan State University and now is working on a Postdoctoral Internship at the Colorado State University Counseling Center.

Michelle Jennings (B.S., 1996) is the owner of a dance studio, The Dance Academy, in Salina KS, where she teaches tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, toe, and pom dancing to children 3-18.

Jon Budd (B.S., 1997) continues to work for Fairfield Resorts in Pagosa Springs CO and was recently promoted to Sales and Operations Manager. He reports that his training in I/O Psychology has definitely benefitted him in his employment. In 2001 Jon was married to fellow K-State grad Kara Slabaugh. (470 Lakeside Drive, Pagosa Springs CO 81147)

Christine Giarmo (Ph.D., 1997) recently completed her Psy.D. degree at Argosy University in Arlington VA. Christine and her husband Gerry (see below) live in Arlington VA.

Gerald Giarmo (Ph.D., 1997) has a book on dream research in press. He also has research interests in organizational culture.

Thuy Pham Karafa (M.S., 1997) is an instructor at Ferris State University in Big Rapids MI, where she teaches courses in psychology and anthropology. After leaving KSU, Thuy

earned her second master's degree, this one in anthropology, at the University of Kansas. Thuy and her husband **Andy Karafa** live in Big Rapids MI.

Catherine Blair (M.S., 1998) works for Brandside Marketing in the San Francisco Bay Area. This company specializes in naming and other brand issues, thus allowing Cathy to combine her interest in language and her business background. Cathy and her husband Chris Tischhauser live south of San Francisco.

Amy Duncan (B.A., 1998) is now in the Clinical Psychology M.S. program at Fort Hays State University in Hays KS. Amy was a finalist for the Wraparound Facilitator of the year 2001 in the Kansas Oscars in Children's Mental Health. She is engaged to archaeologist Leviticus Allen.

Olivia Leann Guerra (B.S., 1998) is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines.

Helen J. Kaczmarek (M.S., 1998) received her Ph.D. in Psychopharmacology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in December 2001 and currently works in postdoctoral research in the Department of Psychiatry at the medical school of Indiana University in Indianapolis IN. Helen and **Jeffrey Sable** (M.S., 1998) were married at St. Cecilia Parish in St. Louis MO on June 15, 2002.

Shanna Dick Trujillo (B.S., 1998) completed her M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy at KSU in May 2001 and works as a trainer and curriculum developer for Child and Family Programs at KSU. Shanna and her husband Ben, a Manhattan High School teacher, welcomed their second daughter in early 2002. They live in Manhattan.

Jason Brandenburg (B.S., 1999, M.S., 2002) recently completed his MS in social psychology at KSU and now lives in Kansas City MO. He also was married to KSU grad Christina Smith on June 15, 2002.

Marci Cook (B.S., 1999) now lives in Lawrence KS counseling abuse victims. She was recently married in May 2002. She previously was Executive Director of Big Sisters of Grant, Morton, and Stanton counties in Johnson KS.

Suzanne Jones (B.S., 1999) received a M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Oklahoma State University in December 2001 and is currently employed as a Children and Family Therapist in Kansas City MO.

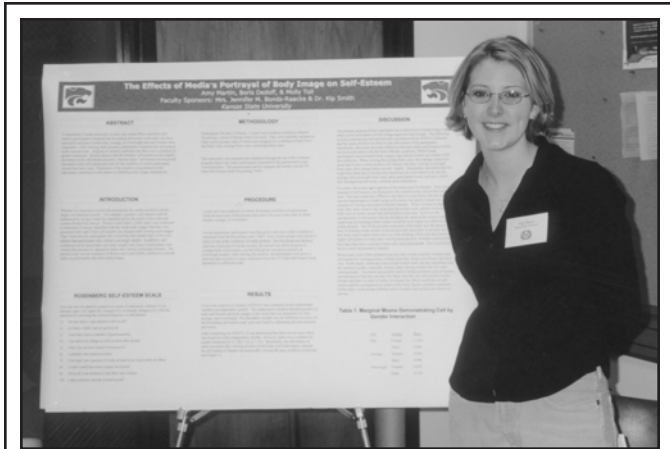
Noah Mosier (B.S., 1999) is completing his master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield MO and will be applying to doctoral programs to begin Fall 2003.

Brent Anders (B.S., 2000) is on leave from his second year in the graduate program in Cognitive and Human Factors Psychology at KSU to serve in the U.S. Army.

Rebecca Barge (B.S., 2000) is an Office Manager for Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon.



KSU Senior Christina Hrenchir proudly displays her poster at the Great Plains Students Psychology Conference.



Amy Martin shares her poster at the Great Plains Students Psychology Conference.

Jeffrey Bartel (M.S., 2000) is now on the faculty in the Psychology Department at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg PA, where he is also working on completing his Ph.D. at KSU.

Rebecca Burleson (B.S., 2000) is an Employee Training Specialist for Big Lakes Developmental Center in Manhattan KS.

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Aurora Jennison Lewis (B.S., 2000) lives in suburban Chicago IL and has recently begun graduate studies for a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Wheaton College.

Jessica Kopecky (B.S., 2000) received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in August 2002 and is now the Psychology Reference/Subject Librarian at Washington University in St. Louis MO. (jessicakopecky@hotmail.com)

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Angela Meyer (B.S., 2000) is an officer in the Kansas Army National Guard.

Ebony Monroe (B.S., 2000) is a Marketing/Sales Representative for Shaw Industries in Georgia.

Joshua Mosier (B.S., 2000) recently began studies for a Master's Degree in Public Administration in the Department of Political Science at Kansas State University.

Jason Ohman (B.S., 2000) is an Assembly Specialist for Raytheon.

Christina Scott (Ph.D., 2000) is now on the faculty in the Department of Psychology at Pepperdine University in Malibu CA.

Megan Spurgeon (B.S., 2000) is a Mental Health Counselor for the Virginia Beach VA Psychiatric Center.

Eric Van Allen (B.S., 2000) works for Pawnee Mental Health Services.

Whitney Vincent (B.S., 2000) is an Accounts Receivable Secretary for Kansas State Bank in Manhattan.

Molly M. White (B.S., 2000) received her M.S. in Clinical Psychology at Oklahoma State University this past May and is now beginning studies there for her doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Molly lives in Stillwater OK.

Anthony Wilson (B.S., 2000) is a Second Lieutenant with the U.S. Army.

Katherine Young (B.S., 2000) is a Social Worker for Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services.

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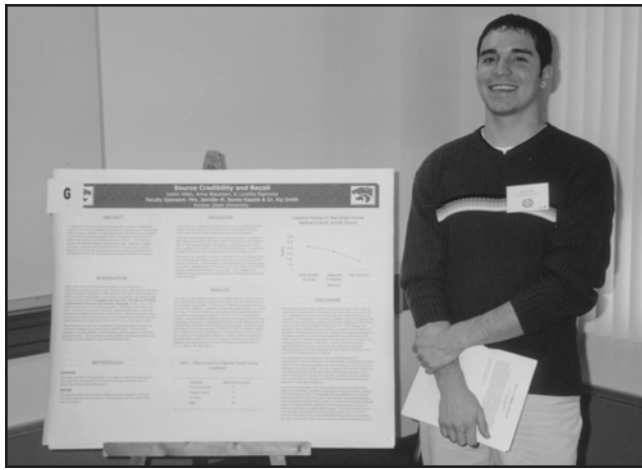
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Jennifer Lang Griner (B.S., 2001) works in the Development Office in the College of Humanities at the University of Utah. She hopes to begin study soon for a M.S. in Counseling. She and her husband live in Murray UT.

Josh Hatfield (B.S., 2001) recently completed a Human Resources internship with Caterpillar in Wamego KS and is now taking some graduate I/O psychology classes at KSU.

John Heim (B.S., 2001) is a Management Trainee with the Cintas Corporation.



Justin Allen prepares to answer questions about his research at the Great Plains Students Psychology Conference.

Melissa Hogg (B.S., 2001) is now working on her M.B.A. degree at KSU.

Jennifer Jutkofsky (B.S., 2001) works for the Flinthills Job Corps in Manhattan

Jessica Kamphaus (B.S., 2001) works as a Site Coordinator for the Manhattan Boys and Girls Club.

Jaime Kelly (B.S., 2001) is now in graduate school in Counselor Education at Texas Women's University Graduate School in Denton TX.

Kaylene Kramp (B.S., 2001) is in graduate school in School Psychology at Emporia State University.

Nick Lander (B.S., 2001) is beginning his second of two years in the Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education Master's program at Ball State University, Muncie IN (nplander@bsu.edu).

Sarah Hoadley LaRochelle (B.S., 2001) has married Dustin LaRochelle and now lives in Fort Knox KY. She works for North Healthcare and is enrolled in nursing school at the University of Louisville.

Edward Lenherr (B.S., 2001) is a Management Trainee for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Kansas City

Lindsay Lincoln (B.S., 2001) is an Advisor for Sprint in Overland Park KS

Shandy McCollough (B.S., 2001) is a Health Information Specialist for Mercy Health Center in Manhattan.

Nolan Rett Mickelson (B.A., 2001) works for Foot Locker in Overland Park KS.

Kelsey Needham (B.S., 2001) is a paraprofessional with Family Connections.

Angela Ohlde (B.S., 2001) is an Office Specialist III at Kansas State University.

Carey Pearson (B.S., 2001) works as a Case Manager at the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in Lawrence KS. She hopes to begin work on an M.S.W. degree in the future.

Andrea Pitasi (visiting scholar 2001) teaches in Communication at the Suor Orsola Benincasa University in Naples, Italy. He was guest editor for a recent special issue of *World Futures: The Journal of General Evolution* on "Future Trends in Communication Strategies. His wife **Silvia Bertini** completed her Ph.D. in Medical Sociology at the University of Bologna (Italy) in November 2001.

Fred Sanborn (M.S., 2001) and **Meridith Pease** (M.S., 2002) have announced their engagement. Both are continuing in the Ph.D. program in the Department of Psychology and plan to marry after both have graduated.

Marissa J. Schneider (B.S., 2001) works as a Mental Health/Residential Counselor at Savio House in Denver CO. She is planning to attend graduate school in Social Psychology.

Preston Sperry (B.S., 2001) is a Bartender for Houston's Restaurant in Texas.

Connie Taylor (B.S., 2001) is on active duty with the U.S. Army

Sharol Warner (B.S., 2001) is studying for a Master's in Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis MO.

Susan Burns (Ph.D., 2002) is now Assistant Professor of Psychology at Morningside College in Sioux City IA. Susan and her husband Dan recently welcomed their third child, Noah Benjamin, born in Manhattan July 26, 2002. Noah joins older sisters Isabella and Abby.

Lara Chishti (B.A., 2002) is beginning a two-year position with the US-2 program of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. For this position she works for the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry in Asheville NC. There she works as a job coach for residents, as well as helping with financial assistance programs, managing and supporting volunteers, and case management and client intake duties. Longer term, Lara hopes to enter graduate school in I/O psychology in Fall 2004.

Jason Coleman (B.S. equivalent, 2002) is now beginning graduate studies in neuroscience at Emory University in Atlanta GA.

Meredith Cracraft (B.S., 2002) is now beginning graduate studies in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at George Mason University in Fairfax VA. As part of her training there, she is working at a research assistantship at the nearby Army Research Institute.

Richard Fogg (Ph.D., 2002) continues on the faculty in the Department of Management in the College of Business at KSU.

Chris Loersch (B.S., 2002) is beginning graduate school in Social Psychology at the Ohio State University in Columbus OH.

Amy Miller (B.S., 2002) has moved to Ann Arbor MI and hopes to begin graduate study soon at the University of Michigan.

Lindsay Smith (B.S., 2002) is beginning the graduate program in Animal Learning and Behavioral Neuroscience in the Psychology Department at KSU.

Nina Turner (Ph.D., 2002) is on the faculty in the Psychology Department at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg PA.

Stacey Wilds (B.S., 2002) is beginning work on a nursing degree at the University of Kansas.

Diane Whitney (B.S., 2002) is beginning graduate studies in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at KSU.

Kristi Wyatt (B.S., 2002) and her husband Casey enjoyed a two-month backpacking trip around Europe this past summer. Kristi is now working for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Boise ID, while Casey attends Boise State University.

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