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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

As we embark on the new academic year, it is again my pleasure to send greetings to our alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the Psychology Department. Our newsletter is a wonderful venue that allows us to keep in touch with everyone and to provide you with important news and events about the Department.

Surely the most significant event of the previous year was our good fortune to hire new faculty. Last year in this space, I mentioned that the Dean had approved our Department to search for two faculty positions. In the middle of both these searches, the Administration received some bad fiscal news and one of our position searches was put on hold. Needless to say, this was very disappointing news for everyone in the Department. However, a short time later the position search was restored and we continued with both search processes. One of the searches presented us with a wonderful opportunity for a dual career hire. Through a series of negotiations and the cooperation of the Dean, we were able eventually to hire three excellent new faculty members. All of the new faculty have special articles later in this issue where you can read about their backgrounds.

One of the strengths of our Department is, of course, our commitment to high quality and exciting research. All of the faculty are currently involved in their research programs and I wish I could highlight each one. But, for space sake, allow me to just mention a few projects. One project that is very meaningful to those of us with teenage drivers is being done by Dr. Renee Slick. In conjunction with Drive Safety, she is using a state-of-the-art driving simulator to examine the manner in which young drivers develop their driving skills. This is obviously a major issue because young drivers represent a major risk for themselves and others on the road. Another timely research project is being conducted by Dr. Laura Brannon. She and a group of colleagues from various departments across campus received a large grant to study compliance with new food safety regulations. As you probably know, food safety is a growing concern and many regulations have been developed by various agencies. An important question is whether the regulations are being followed, particularly by those individuals that handle our food. A couple of other brief examples of current research involve Dr. James Shanteau and his work on team decision making in air traffic controllers, supported by grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the U.S. Air Force; and Dr. John Uhlarik's work with the FAA and NASA studying the efficient display of information in a cockpit. I might add that all of the faculty generally have multiple research projects so the previous descriptions only reflect a small part of our overall activities.

The Department has been allowed to hire a half-time advisor for our Psychology majors. We have recently hired Ms.

Kristi Harper for this position, and she will be at her desk in Bluemont 476 by the time you are reading this. Our number of undergraduates continues to remain at a high level and our faculty advising loads have become extremely large in response. A half-time advisor dedicated to our Psychology majors will allow us to provide more comprehensive advising. In addition, a half-time advisor will be able to monitor changes in the college and university curricula and advising process and inform the faculty accordingly. Not surprisingly, a great deal of the advising process has been supplemented by increasing access, by both advisors and students, to electronic records, a process that seems to be changing constantly.

The Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS) has become extremely active in the Department and is a great asset. They continue to run the mentoring program for incoming graduate students. This program has been ongoing for several years and it is a wonderful process that begins the important assimilation of our graduate students into the culture of the Department and the profession. GAPS also sponsored its annual "Disorientation," an event that occurs at the end of the first week of classes. It is a great time to sit back and relax after a relatively stressful week. GAPS recently had its annual picnic, an event that has become an important tradition for our Department. The Department as a whole has benefited greatly from the excellent graduate students that have come through our program, and GAPS represents just a small component of their contributions.

A change that has been evolving over the last several years is the scheduling of our classes as much of this process has been computerized and moved from departmental control. This means that faculty are now teaching classes all over campus which, although a tad inconvenient especially when the weather is inclement, does provide the opportunity to walk through our beautiful campus. We have had a lot of rain this year so everything is very green on campus. Additionally, the university tore down Denison Hall and replaced it with green space which allows for a spectacular view of Hale Library. If you haven't been on campus lately, I hope that you'll be able to visit soon because it is an impressive sight.

I would enjoy visiting with any of our alums or friends in the future. I hope that this newsletter finds all of you in good health and happy.

Stephen W. Kiefer (swkiefer@k-state.edu)



Prof. Kiefer holds Dominic Ferraro while his dad Frank finishes his doctorate.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS (in their own words)

Mary Cain (mecain@k-state.edu) earned her B.S. in Psychology at Manhattan College in Bronx, NY with no idea that she would one day end up in Manhattan, KS. Initially, Mary was a Biology major and was considering going to medical school when she was not practicing for the swim team. Thankfully, she took a physiological psychology course and conducted a research project examining the effects of environmental toxins on memory. This experience solidified Mary's interest in



Professors Saucier and Cain

Psychology and caused her to switch her degree to Psychology and pursue graduate education in behavioral neuroscience in the Psychology Department at the University of Vermont. Mary was interested in studying the brain areas that contribute to fear and anxiety and worked with Bruce Kapp, Ph.D. For her dissertation, Mary studied the role of fear and arousal in the processing of sensory information. She conducted studies using extracellular single unit recordings and microinfusions to understand what brain areas contribute to our processing of fearful stimuli. During this time she took the required graduate statistics course where she ended up meeting another graduate student who is now her husband and fellow KSU psychology professor, Don Saucier. She also spent her time skiing, being an assistant coach for the UVM swim team, and teaching a variety of courses. During this time in graduate school, Mary realized she not only enjoyed her research but also really enjoyed teaching. After completing her dissertation, Mary wanted to study how fearful and stressful stimuli affect drug taking behavior to better understand drug use in our society. Thus, Mary moved to the University of Kentucky where she spent two and a half years as a postdoctoral scholar working with Mike Bardo, Ph.D. During this time she studied an animal model of sensation seeking, in which high sensation seeking rats take more drugs than low sensation seeking rats. She examined behavioral methods to decrease drug use in the high sensation seekers and began to explore what brain areas might contribute to the increased drug use. She plans to continue working with this animal model of drug use and in addition will examine the relationship between stress and drug use. She is looking forward to supervising undergraduate and graduate students in the lab and classroom at Kansas State.

Lester Loschky (loschky@k-state.edu) When Lester Loschky was a freshman Art major at Columbia College (Columbia, Missouri), he was once interviewed by a college newspaper as to what he wanted to do for a living after graduating. Though having taken only one Psychology course, Intro Psych, he said he would like to be a Psychology professor, and do art in his free time. While this interest in Psychology was consistent with his art



interests, for example Salvador Dali's ambiguous figures and M.C. Escher's spatial illusions, the details of how he would reach that goal were left to be determined at a later date. Les has recently become one of the KSU Psychology Department's newest faculty members, and, although the route he took to get here was not a straight line, in retrospect it makes sense.

The first big step on his path came as a second semester Junior, when Les married his girl friend Miki, then a Japanese national, and took two years off from college to live with her in Japan. While there, he got his first teaching experience, teaching English as a Foreign Language. He also first learned how culture shapes one's understanding of the world, while studying the Japanese language, Japanese calligraphy, Zen meditation, and the martial art, Aikido. In addition, he continued to make and show his art works in group exhibits. Importantly, Les found that he really enjoyed teaching, so he resolved to finish his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, then get a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). He and Miki returned to the US and made good on his resolve, all the while producing two beloved daughters, Althea and Sophia. Les and Miki both earned MA's in TESL at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (then the leading such graduate program in the US), and were hired as full time English instructors in Nagoya, Japan, at Nanzan University, well-known for language and international education in Japan. Critically, Les' TESL studies first introduced him to the field of Cognitive Psychology, and while at Nanzan he published several articles, including one based on his MA thesis, on the effects of conversational interaction on second language comprehension and acquisition, in a highly competitive Cambridge journal.

The next big step on Les' path was in the third year of his four-year contract at Nanzan University. He decided that he wanted to stay in academia, and would pursue a Ph.D. The question was, in what field? After much thought, he decided that the field he wanted to spend the rest of his professional life studying needed to combine his earlier art-based interests in visual perception and his more recent research interests in cognitive processes. While searching for research articles that fit these criteria, he discovered the newly emerging field known as Visual Cognition. A particularly interesting article (Brewer & Treyners' 1981 office memory study) eventually led him to the Psychology graduate program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. There, Les studied scene perception—what people are able to see, what they pay attention to, what they remember, and how they understand the real world scenes surrounding them—and the engineering psychology of single-user visual displays, such as virtual reality and simulators, with professor George McConkie. Les' work on how perceptually modified computer displays affect what viewers pay attention to in scenes won him an APA New Researcher Award for an article published in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*. After finishing his Ph.D., Les continued his work at Illinois for a year and a half as a post-doctoral research associate in professor Daniel Simons' Visual Cognition Laboratory. There, he gained valuable expe-

rience in grant proposal writing (with a proposal written in collaboration with Daniel Simons currently under review at the National Science Foundation).

Having been hired as an Assistant Professor in Cognitive/Engineering Psychology at KSU, and currently teaching Sensation and Perception, and Introductory Psychology, Les feels a deep sense of gratification at having achieved his long-term professional goal. The only piece missing in the puzzle is doing art in his free time. Assistant Professors are not well known for having much free time, but Les figures he may have a bit more of it after he achieves his next long term goal of getting tenure.

Donald Saucier (saucier@k-state.edu) was born in southeastern Massachusetts, before going to college in Maine and graduate school in Vermont. As a “New England boy,” Kansas is as far west as he has ever been for more than a week. While at Colby College (class of 1996) in Waterville, Maine, Don completed majors in Psychology and Classical Civilization while playing five sports and training rats to bar-press and play basketball in the learning lab. Interestingly, it was an incident during his summer job as a day care counselor that helped to inspire him to focus his attention on social psychology. One day, on a dare from the group of 8- to 10-year olds in his charge, Don tried (and failed) to jump over a 50 gallon trash barrel. While nursing his wounds and picking up garbage he had time to reflect on the power of social influence and the intra- and interpersonal processes that may produce “stupid behavior.”

In graduate school at the University of Vermont, Don decided to investigate a specific domain of “stupid behavior,” i.e., prejudice. His research sought to identify the aspects of prejudice-reduction programs that are and are not effective, as well as to create indirect assessment methods for prejudice that are valid despite individuals’ efforts to conceal any prejudice that they may harbor. These prejudice-centered research goals continue to dominate Don’s research program, with some current projects exploring discrimination in helping behavior, the effects of prejudiced and non-prejudiced social exemplars on subsequent expressions of prejudice, as well as issues of White privilege and guilt. Further work also examines the positive and negative stereotypes often attributed to gay men and lesbians, and attitudes toward hate crime legislation.

After earning his Ph.D. in 2001, Don accepted a teaching position at the University of Kentucky. Loving both the students and the basketball team, Don truly enjoyed his three years at UK during which he taught four classes each semester and supervised undergraduate research. During that time, Don expanded his research program to include the examination of individual differences in attitude resistance. This led to the labeling of a construct called “social vigilantism”, described as the tendency to resist persuasion, to dislike those that disagree with you, and to attempt to impress your views onto others. Several studies have since been conducted and are ongoing with promising results. For more information, set aside several hours and ask him about it.

Now happily entrenched at Kansas State University, Don is excited to finally watch a good college football team up close with his wife, Mary Cain, whom he sat next to on the first day of graduate school orientation at the University of Vermont.

Gregory Monaco (gmonaco@k-state.edu) received an MS and PhD in psychology from KSU in the late 1970s and is proud to return here from the University of Kansas as a Research Assistant Professor. Greg maintains that the Flint Hills is one of the most beautiful regions of the country and that KSU has a great campus. Greg's professional work is to initiate and coordinate research efforts as Director for Research of the Great Plains Network (<http://research.great-plains.net>), a consortium of 23 universities in 7 states in the surrounding region. Current work Greg is involved in includes middleware architecture for academic and research computing (funded by EDUCAUSE, a subaward from the NSF Middleware Initiative), a regional grid computing project, advanced networking research and education (funded by MIDnet, Inc.), and joint research and education in Human Language Technology with collaborators in the GPN region and Morocco (funded by NSF).

Greg and Jeanne Tomiser (also a KSU psych grad and Head of Psychology at Kansas Neurological Institute) make their home in Topeka where they own a small business (<http://www.monacoassociates.com>) and recently celebrated 26 years of marriage. Their son, Eliot, is in Chicago, a member of the Northwestern Mime Troupe and a teacher of pantomime. Their daughter, Elise, is a junior in high school and juggles an active social life, academics, volleyball, and soccer, as well as a job at Dairy Queen. (greg@greatplains.net)

MORE FACULTY NEWS (compiled by Richard Harris)

Mark Barnett (barn@k-state.edu) and his students continue to conduct research on social-emotional behaviors in children and adults. Following a pair of investigations of the factors associated with adults’ willingness to engage in various minor moral and legal violations (e.g., speeding on the highway), Mark’s research group has begun to examine boys’ and girls’ experiences with and attitudes toward similar, but child-relevant, violations. Mark’s daughter Megan is a second-year law student at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota and his son Neil is a senior majoring in business at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Laura Brannon (lbrannon@k-state.edu) received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor for 2004–05. She continues her research in the areas of persuasion and compliance. Laura 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 in order to personalize the messages. She has extended her health persuasion research to the area of food safety and is a co-principal investigator on a \$480,000 grant from the USDA dealing with improving food safety practices of restaurant employees.

She continues to enjoy spoiling her two nieces, Caitlyn and Mackenzie.

Ronald Downey (downey@k-state.edu) resigned his full-time administrative position at KSU at the end of the 2003–04 academic year and will return to full-time teaching in the Psychology Department after a sabbatical in the Fall 2004 semester. He also recently married his long-time companion Irene Ward, director of the Composition Program in the English Department at KSU.

Dorothy Farrand (farrand@k-state.edu) now teaches the Clinical Psychology class and lab, as well as overseeing the Psychological Technician Field Placement. She also has a private clinical practice in Manhattan. She and her husband Clive Fullagar have daughter Megan, a student at KU, son James beginning KSU as a freshman, and son Thomas is in middle school.

Jerry Frieman (frieman@k-state.edu) and his students are continuing their work comparing learning social transmission of information in dwarf hamsters (a social species) and golden hamsters (a solitary species). They have also begun work on an animal model of autism in rats. Gwen Lupfer recently completed her Ph.D. and is now on the faculty at Mississippi State University.

Jerry is still working on the textbook for Quantitative Methods and continues to serve as Coordinator of the Department Heads' Training and Development program in the Office of the Provost. Jerry's wife Jeanne is still in private practice. His son Karl, daughter-in-law Wanda, and their twin children Isaac and Taylor moved to Montclair NJ. Karl is an attorney with a hedge fund in Greenwich CT. His daughter Varda and her husband Jim live in Belleville NJ. Varda is a consultant with Mellon HR Solutions.

Clive Fullagar (fullagar@k-state.edu) has recently been very busy as Director of the distance Master's in Industrial-Organizational Psychology program, as well as with his ongoing teaching and research in Organizational Psychology. In his spare time Clive is an accomplished painter and occasional actor with the community theater at the Manhattan Arts Center. See Dorothy Farrand above for family news.

Richard Harris (rjharris@k-state.edu) recently completed the fourth edition of his successful textbook *A Cognitive Psychology of Mass Communication*, published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. He also continues his research program on autobiographical memory for media, to better understand people's memories of their experiences watching television and movies as well as the associations of autobiographical memories for music from different lifetime eras. A new project on the impact of playing video shooter games studies is just beginning this semester. Some of his students also conduct some psycholinguistic research in basic lexical and discourse processing. Two doctoral students, Jennifer Bonds-Raacke and Brian Friel, completed their Ph.D.s this past summer. Currently Richard is teaching the History of Psychology course for the first time and is really enjoying learning from the study required for that, although he had forgotten how much work a new class preparation is!

On the family front, son Clint is a sophomore at Manhattan High School, a proud member of the rowing team, and an

amateur screenwriter. Twins Natalie and Grady are eighth graders at Eisenhower Middle School. Natalie keeps busy playing soccer and track, while Grady does extensive independent study in Physics and Astronomy. The family hopes to spend Summer 2005 in Palmerston North, New Zealand, where Richard will be a Visiting Scholar at Massey University.

Scott Hemenover (shemenov@k-state.edu) continues his research on stress and health and affect regulation. He studies the relation of personality traits to stress appraisals and other health outcomes, as well as various strategies of mood repair. He currently supervises three graduate students and several undergrads in his lab.



Professor Harris with grad students Brian Friel, Tuan Tran, Chris Barlett, Beth Cady, and Nicole Peck.

Stephen Kiefer (swkiefer@k-state.edu) is beginning his ninth year as Head of the Psychology Department. The focus of his laboratory has been on ethanol and the factors that determine an organism's response to this substance (using a rat model). He continues to have the good fortune of having excellent graduate students work in his laboratory. Dr. Frank Ferraro finished his degree requirements in December and moved on to the University of North Carolina as a Postdoctoral Research Scientist under the supervision of Dr. Todd Thiele, an earlier graduate of our Ph.D. program. Two new students have joined the lab (Gerald Deehan and Amanda Higley) and both have been busy conducting research in addition to their academic classes.

On a personal note, his two sons continue to thrive. Zach is a senior in high school and will be applying to college this year. He continues to play the saxophone and spent last summer away from home (he traveled with a group of students to Poland for one week and Israel for 6 weeks). Brian is a freshman in high school, plays tennis, is in the choir, and recently joined the cast of *Les Miserables* for the high school musical. Nancy has been an academic advisor in the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences for the past several years.

Patrick Knight (knight@k-state.edu) continues his teaching and research in I/O Psychology, as well as being the department's class schedule coordinator. Sons Mac and Keil are students at KSU.

James Shanteau (shanteau@k-state.edu) received unexpected good news while traveling abroad in 2003–2004. He was notified that he had been selected for the Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award. This comes with a modest financial prize and a fancy certificate. More impor-

tantly, he was invited to give an all-university lecture in the Hemisphere Room at the Library—most of the Psychology Department attended. (This is the first time a Psychology faculty member has received this award since Roy Langford in the mid 1960's.)

He was also fortunate to receive two grants this past year. The first was funded by the Air Force to continue his research assessing decision expertise in technologically complex environments. The second was from the Federal Aviation Administration to evaluate their new decision training procedures. Both projects make use of the KANTROL lab (KANSAS Traffic Research Operations Laboratory) that his students set up in Bluemont Hall. In the past year, he gave invited presentations in Zurich, Switzerland (“a very expensive city”), Lincoln, NE (“a very inexpensive city”), Trento, Italy (“a very beautiful city”), Barcelona, Spain (“a very magical city”), Phoenix, AZ (“a very hot city”), and Oklahoma City (“well, it’s a city”). He says he enjoys these trips, but “traveling through airports these days can get old in a hurry.”

He had the chance this past year to introduce a new course on Forensic Psychology. The course has quickly become popular, mainly because many students want to become FBI profilers—an idea he quickly dispels. But he does teach about the many fascinating applications of psychology to the legal system, such as eyewitness identification.

Jim and Doreen had a wonderful time vacationing at the Lake of the Ozarks this past summer with their two grandsons James and Zach Davis, now 6 and 3. They also have a 5-year old granddaughter living on Long Island.

Renee Slick (rslick@k-state.edu) directs the KSU Simulation Training and Assessment Research (STAR) Lab. The summer of 2004 was a busy one for the STAR Lab, which formed a research partnership with the USD 383 School District. STAR Lab and USD 383 conducted research using high school students to study teen driving safety using a hi-fidelity driving simulator from DriveSafety Inc. Dr. Sharol Little and Mr. Brad Wille were instrumental in setting up the

partnership and provided outstanding leadership and support on behalf of the school district.

Ninety-eight high school students participated in the summer research program in the lab, logging 650 research hours and providing a lot of interesting data about high school students’ driving behavior. Dr. Renee Slick and her team of graduate (Beth Cady, Brian Friel and Tuan Tran) and undergraduate (Courtney Cox, Jennifer May, Melissa Kletchka and Michael Smith) students had a challenging and rewarding summer working with the high school students. Currently the STAR Lab team is working on several presentations and publications as a result of this summer’s efforts.

In her free time Renee also teaches courses in Industrial Psychology and Gender Issues in the Workplace and is mom to sons Jarrod and Eric.



Prof. Renee Slick and Drive Safety CEO Bill Woahn test the driving simulator in the STAR lab.

John Uhlarik (uhlarik@k-state.edu) continues to study human factors aspects of aircraft displays with a grant from the FAA, which is concerned with the development and testing of weather avionic displays. The purpose of this research is to develop usability assessment techniques that will aid in the FAA certification process. He also works with the Kansas NASA Space Grant, which is part of a statewide consortium intended to promote NASA strategic initiatives in Kansas. John lives with his son Jeff, manager of the local CD Tradepost store.

Psi Chi (Undergraduate Honorary Society in Psychology)

2003–04 was an exciting year for K-State’s chapter of Psi Chi. About 45 new members were initiated in September and February, the largest new group ever. Some of the year’s activities included rat training for open house, pizza parties, t-shirt sales, a field trip to Ellsworth Correctional Facility, and informational forums on grad school application and study abroad.

The annual spring banquet was held for the first time at the All-Chinese Buffet, which seemed to be a very successful event. This year’s officers were Chris Barlett (Pres.), Rebecca Schlegel (Vice-President), and Shala Bloomberg (Secretary-Treasurer). Faculty advisor was Richard Harris.

The officers for the coming year are Kristen Geri, Johanna Kamberg, Lindsay Johnson, Matt Shull, and Brittany Blattner. Some new events are planned, including a field trip to the Glore Psychiatric Museum and Psi Chi intramural teams.

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



2004–05 Psi Chi officers Matt Shull, Kristen Geri, Lindsay Johnson, Johanna Kamberg, and Brittany Blattner, plus faculty advisor Richard Harris at the fall initiation picnic in September 2004.

OBITUARIES



MARY ANNE LAHEY (1955–2004)

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mary Anne Lahey. After an eight-year battle she finally succumbed to breast cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends at the time of her death at her beloved home in the Inman Park Neighborhood, in Atlanta, GA.

Mary Anne was born and raised in Chicago, IL and attended Catholic schools in Burbank, IL. She obtained her BS at Illinois State University in 1976. Mary Anne went to Kansas State University for her graduate work obtaining her MS in 1980 and her Ph.D. in 1984 under Frank (Skip) E. Saal. She was the first Ph.D. under the revitalized I/O program at K-State. During her time at K-State, she showed exceptional promise as a scientist. She co-authored two *Psychological Bulletin* articles, being first author on one of them, as well as three other publications. In 1980 she won the first Robert J. Wherry Award. She also had six presentations before she graduated. While she continued to publish and do professional presentations, for personal and professional reasons Mary Anne changed directions after graduation from research on performance ratings and went into applied work.

In 1984 Mary Anne joined the Center for Business and Economic Development at Auburn University as an Industrial/Organizational Psychologist, serving as Assistant Director in her last year. Mary Anne engaged in a wide variety of I/O related practice activities. Her work with the State of Alabama, the Alabama State Board of Education, the City of Atlanta, and the U.S. Navy were to determine a direction and expertise that would stay with her: test development and validation and employment biases. She became a leading witness in many court cases in these areas. Her association with Psychological Services, Inc. began during this period.

In 1987 Mary Anne moved to the Institute of Community and Area Development at the University of Georgia as a Public Service Assistant and in 1990 became an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology. Once again her career took a new direction and she used her considerable presentation and social skills to serve the people and communities of Georgia in a variety of projects aimed at community development and conflict resolution.

In addition to her ICAD duties, Mary Anne served as an expert consultant to and as an expert witness for the Navy Litigation Office and other clients. During the course of these efforts, Mary Anne applied her expertise in I/O psychology, statistical analysis, and project management while working with multi-disciplined teams. The results of Mary Anne's efforts were presented to a number of federal district courts and were often critical to the successful resolution of the matters in litigation. In 1999 Mary Anne moved to the American Institutes for Research as a Principal Research Scientist to continue her expert work in employment discrimination as well as a variety of other projects. She was employed at AIR at the time of her death.

Mary Anne will be missed by her family: her husband Randy L. Clements; step children Ryan Clements and Amanda Clements; her parents and siblings; and her parents-in-law. All of us who were touched by Mary Anne during her all too brief life and career will also miss her insights, friendship, and wit.

—Ronald G. Downey and Susan G. Bailey

STEVEN K. WENGER (1945–2003)

Steven Wenger (Ph.D., 1980) died suddenly and tragically at age 58 from a heart attack on December 16, 2003. Steve was Psychology Department Chair at MacMurray College in Jacksonville IL, where he had taught since leaving KSU in 1979. He is remembered as a fine teacher and a warm, kind human being who will be greatly missed by many. Steve is survived by his wife Barbara ("Bo") and son Noah, age 22.

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.

1947

Lois Forbess (B.S., 1947) is a retired educator living at 719 Barbara Way, Woodland CA 95776. She writes that she remembers the Psychology Department as being small and quite new in the mid-1940s. She also recalls field trips to Topeka State Hospital (now closed) with Dr. Peterson (of Peterson Prize fame).

1969

J. Don Read (Ph.D., 1969) teaches at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby BC, Canada. As well as continuing his research in applied memory, Don is one of the editors of *Applied Cognitive Psychology*.

1973

Gary Wells (B.S., 1973) continues as Professor of Psychology at Iowa State University, where he is one of leading national experts on the psychology of eyewitness memory. His recommendations for changing in the methods of questioning eyewitnesses have been adopted by numerous states and municipalities over the country.

1974

Glenn Littlepage (Ph.D., 1974) is Professor of Psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro TN.

1976

Linda Dunlap (B.S., 1976) is an Associate Professor and Psychology Department Chair at Marist College, Poughkeepsie NY. She recently published the book *What All Children Need: Theory and Application* with the University Press of America. This is a book discussing children's needs from the perspective of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Linda and her husband Greg Dunlap (B.S., 1976) received their doctorates from the University of Iowa in 1980.

James Lamiell (Ph.D., 1976) recently finished his 22nd year on the faculty in the Psychology Department at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Recently Jim completed his third Fulbright Scholarship to Germany, where he taught at the University of Hamburg in spring and summer 2004. His latest book, *Beyond Individual and Group Differences: Human Individuality, Scientific Psychology, and William Stern's Critical Personalism*, was published by Sage Publications in July 2003. Jim recently presented a colloquium in the Psychology Department at KSU on the work of William Stern. Jim and his wife Leslie celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in 2002; they live in Oakton VA. Their children Kevin (26) and Erika (24) are grown and away from home. One of his proudest personal experiences continues to be his 1999 bicycle trip from St. Charles MO to the Oregon Coast retracing the route of Lewis and Clark.



Frank Ferraro celebrates completing his dissertation in neuroscience.

Cia Verschelden (B.S., 1976) recently became the department head for the new Women's Studies Department at KSU. Students may now major in women's studies, rather than having it available only as a secondary major (cia@ksu.edu).

1978

Kristi Harper (B.S., 1978) has worked in various offices at K-State for many years and just this month began a new position as the Department of Psychology's half-time advisor. She will be advising primarily the Pre-Psych students, as well as coordinating advising activities overall and serving as a resource to faculty on advising matters.

Gregory Monaco (Ph.D., 1978) continues as director of the Great Plains Consortium of Research Universities. He recently became a Research Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at KSU (see article above). He and his wife **Jeanne Tomiser** (M.S., 1979) live in Topeka KS.

1979

Monica Brien (Ph.D., 1979) continues on the faculty at Utica College in Utica NY.

Richard Bauer (KSU faculty late 1970s) remains on the faculty in the Department of Psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro TN, where he has been since leaving KSU.

1981

Bernardo Carducci (Ph.D., 1981) continues as Professor of Psychology and Director of the Shyness Research Institute at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany IN. Well-known nationally as a researcher and writer on the subject of shyness, he recently published a book *The Shyness Breakthrough: A No-Stress Plan to Help Your Child Warm Up, Open Up, and Join the Fun* (Rodale Press, 2003). His previous book on shyness has been translated into several languages. Bernie's daughter Rozana Carducci is working on a doctorate in Higher Education Administration at UCLA. (bcarducc@ius.edu)

Gerdi Weidner (Ph.D., 1981) is on the faculty in psychology at the State University of New York at Stonybrook NY.

1982

Jerry Ludlow (B.S., 1982) is beginning his second year teaching sociology and psychology at Pratt Community College in Pratt KS.

1983

Emma Clyatt-Dunphy (B.S., 1983) works as a clinical social worker in private practice in Concordia KS (P.O. Box 87, Concordia KS 66901).

1984

Geri Dino (Ph.D., 1984) is on the faculty at West Virginia University in Morgantown WV.

Richard Ettenson (Ph.D., 1984) teaches at University of Sydney, Australia.

Bruce Perrin (Ph.D., 1984) is currently the Chief Technologist within Boeing's Instructional Technology department in St. Louis, MO, and was recently promoted to Technical Fellow. (The Technical Fellowship is a career development path that is parallel to management, but for individuals who wish to stay on a technical track.) In his current job,

Bruce leads Boeing's Instructional Technology R&D, with responsibility for effectiveness studies on advanced training capabilities, such as the use of virtual reality for maintenance training or techniques to individualize web-based instruction. He also teaches night-school courses in Cognitive Psychology, Learning & Memory, and Training at Washington University in St. Louis. Bruce resides in the city of St. Louis, where he and his wife are renovating their "1904 World's Fair" home.

1986

Kenneth Sewell (B.S., 1986) received his PhD. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Kansas and now teaches at the University of North Texas in Denton TX. A member of the Wildcat football team in some of its leaner years, Ken is gratified to see recent progress under Bill Snyder.

1987

Michael L. Klassen (Ph.D., 1987) continues on the faculty in the Department of Marketing at the University of Northern Iowa. He has recently published a book *The One-Minute Marketer for Church Leaders* (Xulon Press, 2003). He combines his professional experience in marketing and the ministry to write this "how-to" book for pastors and church leaders about what they don't know about marketing, but should. Mike and his wife Emily and children Scott (22), Robb (16), and Jeni (15) live in Cedar Falls IA.

1988

Donna Ekart (B.S., 1988) is an Assistant Data Base Specialist at Hale Library at KSU.

1989

Pat McIntyre (Ph.D., 1989) left her job teaching Marketing in Brownsville TX and returned to school to study public health. She recently received her Master's of Public Health degree from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston and has accepted a position with the HRSA Scholars Program at the Dept of Health and Human Services in Rockville, Maryland (12 miles outside of DC).

W. Clay Walters (B.S., 1989) was recently married and now has three stepdaughters ages 13, 11, and 9. He continues to work with Prevention and Recovery Services in Topeka KS, as well as doing "high-quality tie-dye at affordable prices." (cwalters@parstopeka.com)



Grad students Josh Hatfield and Jeff Mark cook food for the GAPS picnic.



Grad student Christopher Barlett presents a poster at Great Plains Students Psychology Conference.

1990

John Bechtold (Ph.D., 1990) continues teaching psychology at Messiah College in Grantham PA. He and his wife Katy and children Hannah (13) and Nathaniel (11) live in Mechanicsburg PA.

Jerwen Jou (Ph.D., 1990) continues as Professor of Psychology at University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg TX. He is currently doing research on false memory with an NIH grant. In May 2004 he took a historic trip to China to see his older brother for the first time in 54 years.

(jjou@panam.edu)

Margaret ("Peggy") Stockdale (Ph.D., 1990) recently was appointed Full Professor of Psychology at Southern Illinois University.

1991

Briana Nelson Goff (B.S., 1991) recently received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the KSU Department of Family Studies and Human Services. She was also married in late 2003.

Jana Zaudke (B.A., 1991) recently completed her first two years of medical school at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Jana and her husband Sean live in Lawrence KS, where Jana likes to garden in her spare time.

1993

Melissa Urban Wefald (B.S., 1993) has returned to Manhattan where her husband Andy is beginning the doctoral program in I/O Psychology at KSU. Melissa works at Head Start in Junction City.

1994

Richard Elder (Ph.D., 1994) is on the faculty at Mississippi State University in Starkville MS.

Stephanie Rock (B.S., 1992, M.S., 1994) completed her Ph.D. in the Psychology of Addictions at Purdue University in 1998 and later postdocs at the Cincinnati Children's Museum (Neurotoeratology) and Indiana University (Human drug abuse research). She now works as a scientific communications associate with Eli Lilly and Company at their corporate headquarters in Indianapolis IN. Stephanie and her partner Nancy have been married for four years and have a son Nathaniel. (E-mail: rockst@lilly.com).

Lisa A. Ruskanen (B.A., 1994) lived in Mexico for 2½ years after graduation. She is the Human Resources Manager for a manufacturing plant in Kansas City KS, where she has worked since 1999. She also enjoys yoga classes, working out at the gym, working as a volunteer and advocate for the ALS Association, and spending time with her family.

1995

Cindy (Jones) Diederich (B.S., 1995) has been employed since 1995 at Big Lakes Developmental Center in Manhattan, where she is Director of the Community Developmental Disability Organization Administration. Cindy lives in Wamego KS.

Mary Miller Lewis (B.S., 1995) After graduating with her Ph.D. from the University of Akron in 2001, she completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Senior Life Consultants, Inc. in Dublin, Ohio as a Clinical Services Coordinator and part-time clinician. In May, 2003, she became a licensed Psychologist in the state of Ohio, and became a full-time psychologist with Senior Life at that time. Mary currently provides mental health services and consultation to 10+ nursing homes in central Ohio. She is also the membership coordinator for the national organization Psychologists in Long Term Care (PLTC). Mary and her husband, a doctoral student in Political Geography, and four cats live in Dublin OH, near Columbus (marylewis@earthlink.net).

Carrie L. (Klein) Thompson (B.S., 1995) earned her M.S. in Counseling with an emphasis in Student Personnel from Emporia State University in 1999. She works as a counselor at Johnson County Community College. Carrie and her husband live in Overland Park KS and were expecting twins in March 2004.

1996

Brian A. Buford (B.S., 1996) completed his Ph.D. in Counseling at the University of Iowa and now works as a trainer for the Target Corporation. He and his wife Kim live in Minneapolis MN.

John M. Hill (B.S., 1996) moved to Atlanta GA in 2003 to work as Human Resources Manager for Ingersoll-Rand's Hussmann Refrigeration Systems plant.

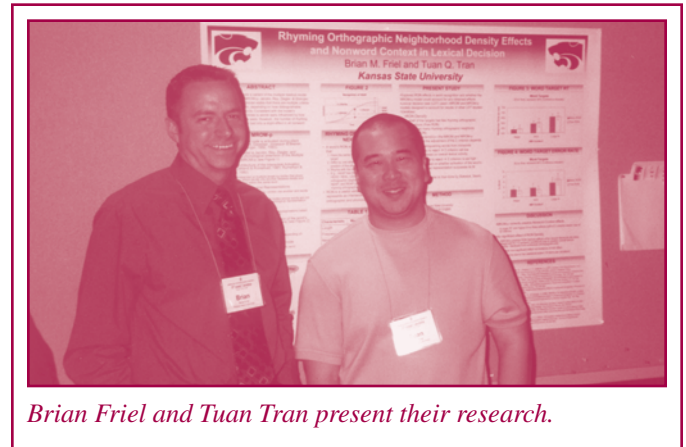
Tracy (Ferrell) Montez (Ph.D., 1996) is the manager of the Office of Examination Resources (OER) within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) for the State of California. DCA licenses and regulates 2.3 million professionals in more than 230 different professions as a means of promoting and protecting the interests of consumers. As manager of OER, Tracy provides personnel and operations oversight for a staff of fifteen. OER functions as an internal consulting firm and assists DCA licensing entities develop and administer reliable and valid examination programs that fairly assess candidates' competence to practice. Services include:

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- (2) performing occupational analyses;
- (3) developing examinations based on test specifications resulting from occupational analyses, including establishing passing scores;
- (4) performing statistical analyses of examinations and advising licensing programs of potential problems;
- (5) evaluating examination programs developed by professional associations and test vendors;
- (6) providing over-

sight for the DCA Master Services Agreement for computer-based testing services; and, (7) developing regulatory language.

Steven Quackenbush (Ph.D., 1996) is now on the faculty at the University of Maine in Farmington ME. UMF is the liberal arts college of the University of Maine system. Until 2003 Steve taught for several years at Central Methodist College in Fayette MO.

David Schrag (M.S., 1996) is currently working on his dissertation on social aspects of German unification for his doctorate in Anthropology from Johns Hopkins University. His wife Tina Huang teaches chemistry at Lafayette College. Dave and Tina have two daughters Anja (3) and Liesl (1) and live in Easton PA (dschrag@gmail.com).



Brian Friel and Tuan Tran present their research.

1997

Jenny Lucas (Ph.D., 1997) recently received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta GA. She is also the new Psychology Department Chair.

Michael Tebbe (B.S., 1997) and his wife Karla live in Chicago, where Michael has worked for H & R Block and Karla is a speech therapist in the public schools. Michael has a law degree from the University of Kansas and is currently beginning work on master's degree in Library Science and Information Systems at Dominican University in Chicago IL.

1998

Kate (Tirrell) Jiron (B.S., 1998) and her husband Keith welcomed a son Andrew into the world on Nov. 2, 2003. Kate is now busy being a mom and also works part time as Director of Young Adult Ministry at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa KS.

Shanna Dick Trujillo (B.S., 1998) is an Assistant Instructor in the office of Grants and Contracts for the School of Family Studies and Human Services at KSU. Shanna and her husband Ben, a teacher and coach at Manhattan High School, live in Manhattan with their two daughters.

1999

Joshua Bleeker (B.S., 1999) recently completed his Master of Theology degree at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas TX and now works for the admissions office at the seminary while wife Eva goes to school full time. They recently returned from a fascinating study tour to Israel.

Deidra J. Schleicher (KSU faculty 1998–99) is now on the faculty in I/O Psychology at Purdue University, West Lafayette IN.

2000

Jeffrey Bartel (M.S., 2000, ABD) continues as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg PA. Wife Tracy directs the campus child care center, where their son Nickolas attends. They are enjoying their new house.

Nikki Groneweg (B.S., 2000) recently received her M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Regis University in Denver CO and is planning to pursue a Psy.D. degree in Clinical Psychology. (93 S. Newland Ct., Lakewood CO 80226, nikkigroneweg@hotmail.com)

Marcia (Darr) Hornung (B.A., 2000) lives in Manhattan and works as Education Coordinator for UFM. She also is beginning work on her Master's in Public Administration in the Political Science Department at KSU.

Clarence Rohrbaugh (Ph.D., 2000) teaches Psychology at Fairmont State College, Fairmont WV.

Christy Scott (Ph.D., 2000) is now a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tennessee State University in Nashville TN.

Molly White (B.S., 2000) recently began her clinical predoctoral internship at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center. This is her final requirement for her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Oklahoma State University.



Psychology students enjoy themselves at the Psi Chi fall picnic.

2001

Stephanie Larson Claar (B.A., 2001) and her husband Ben Claar welcomed their son James Duncan Claar into the world on October 9, 2003. The Claar family live in Manhattan.

John C. Heim, III (B.S., 2001) works as a Master Broker for Personalized Brokerage Services, Inc. He and his wife Jennifer live in Topeka KS.

Sarah (Hoadley) LaRochelle (B.S., 2001) completed her B.S.N. degree in nursing at the University of Louisville in 2003 and now works in a cardiovascular unit in a Louisville KY hospital. Sarah and her husband Dustin live in Fort Knox KY.

Kris Sundahl (B.A., 2001) is now a police officer with the Hutchinson KS Police Department. Kris enjoys the work and reports that material from Psychology classes, especially Abnormal Psychology, are very helpful in dealing with people one meets as a police officer.

2002

Jason Brandenburg (M.S., 2002) and his wife Christina recently bought their first home, which is in Olathe KS. Jason continues to work with home loans.

Lara Chishti (B.S., 2002) is beginning graduate school in I/O Psychology at Southern Oregon University in Ashland OR.

Quinton McElhaney (B.A., 2002) is attending law school at the University of Kansas (quinton@ku.edu).

Christopher Loersch (B.S., 2002) continues in his third year of doctoral study in social psychology at Ohio State University. Chris recently received a very prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship for his work.

John D. Raacke (M.S., 2002, ABD) recently began teaching part-time in the Psychology Department at Morningside College and part-time at Briar Cliff University, both in Sioux City IA.

Mark Raggett (B.S., 2002) works as an EFT Detail/Fund Controller at UMB Bank and is attending Rockhurst University working on his MBA degree in the evenings. Mark lives in Kansas City MO.

Ben J. Schlorholtz (B.S., 2002) is now beginning his second year in study for his doctorate in Human Factors Psychology at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion SD. (bschlorh@usd.edu), where one of his professors is Doug Peterson (Ph.D., 1999).

Jolyn Whitaker (B.S., 2002) is working on her Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology at the University of Kansas (e-mail: jolyn@ku.edu)

Stacey Wilds Wagers (B.S., 2002) recently completed her R.N. degree at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and now works as an oncology nurse at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City KS. She was also married in May 2003.

2003

John Berger (B.S., 2003) is in his last year of study for his M.S. in Industrial Psychology from Emporia State University in Emporia KS.

Bruce Braden (B.S., 2003) was teaching English in Shanghai, China, with Marshall University's Teach in China program for the 2003-04 school year. After a trip home last summer, he is back in China, this year studying Chinese intensively at a university on the island of Hainan, off the coast of southern China.

Susan Fabrey (B.S., 2003) now works for a testing corporation in the Kansas City area.

Frank Ferraro (Ph.D., 2003) is now a postdoctoral researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he works with 1995 KSU Neuroscience Ph.D. grad Todd Thiele. Frank and his wife Lisa's son Dominic was born in Manhattan in summer 2003.

Nathan Fosse (B.S., 2003) is in his second year working on his Ph.D. in Sociology at Harvard University.

Jenny Sanger (B.S., 2003) is now back at KSU completing requirements for teacher certification

Alex Scilletta (B.S., 2003) is beginning graduate studies for a master's degree in psychology at Hunter College of the City University of New York in New York City.

Monica Smith (B.S., 2003) is now in the master's degree program in Student Personnel at KSU.

Adrienne Strecker (B.S., 2003) is now beginning law school at the University of Kansas.

Michael Tagler (Ph.D., 2003) is now a tenure-track Assistant Professor at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln NE, after a year on a temporary position at DePauw University in Greencastle IN. Mike and his wife Megan recently had their first child.

2004

Christopher Barlett (B.S., 2004) won the E.J. Phares prize for undergraduate research in May 2004 and is now beginning graduate school in Cognitive Psychology at Kansas State University (cpb6666@ksu.edu).

Shala Bloomberg (B.S., 2004) works as a case manager at Pawnee Mental Health in Manhattan.

Jennifer Bonds-Raacke (Ph.D., 2004) received the Kansas State University Teaching Assistant of the Year Award in May 2004. She recently began work as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City IA. (jennifer.bonds-raacke@briarcliff.edu)

Lindsey Firebaugh (B.S., 2004) is now beginning graduate work for a master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Washburn University in Topeka KS. Lindsey lives in Lawrence KS.

Jodi Foura (B.S., 2004) is now beginning work on her M.S. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro TN.

Brian Friel (Ph.D., 2004) is now a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Psychology at Delaware State University in Dover DE. He and his fiancée Cindy Seto are planning a summer 2005 wedding in Las Vegas (bfriel@desu.edu).

Whitney Gee (B.S., 2004) is beginning a Psy.D. Program at Argosy University in Schaumburg IL.



Grad students Beth Cady, Amanda Higley, Tuan Tran, Val Pilling, and Cheryl Comer celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Gareth Hampton (B.S., 2004) recently began study for the Roman Catholic priesthood at the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word in Birmingham AL. Before that he enjoyed a mountain-climbing trip in Colorado with his sister, as well as catching up on reading.

Serena Hawkins (B.S., 2004) is working for a year before applying to law school.

Jon Bret Knappenberger (B.S., 2004) is now living and working in San Diego CA. He plans to begin graduate school in Counseling or Clinical Psychology in Fall 2005.

Gwen Lupfer (Ph.D., 2004) is now teaching at Mississippi State University in Starkville MS, as well as continuing her research with hamsters. She completed a year of teaching before that at Indiana University at South Bend.

Lana McCarthy (B.A., 2004) completed a second major in Art, with an emphasis in Photography. She now works in Kansas City as professional photographer. We miss her fine work in the Psychology Department Office!

Fred W. Sanborn (Ph.D., 2004) is now Assistant Professor of Psychology at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount NC.

Rebecca Schlegel (B.S., 2004) is now beginning graduate school in Social Psychology at the University of Missouri in Columbia MO.

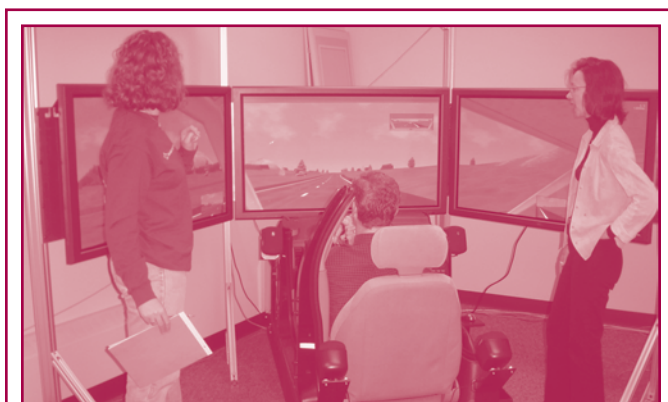
Ryan Schletzbaum (B.S., 2004) is working as a medical assistant at Stone Creek Physicians in Manhattan and plans to begin medical school in Fall 2005.

Adam Speck (B.S., 2004) is now beginning study for a M.S. in Industrial Psychology at Minnesota State University in Mankato MN.

Rickey Thomas (Ph.D., 2004) continues in a postdoctoral research position in the Department of Decision Sciences at Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA. He will be joining the faculty in the Psychology Department at the University of Oklahoma in August 2005.

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Professor Renee Slick (right) and Beth Cady watch a participant go through the driving simulator in the STAR lab.

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