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DEPARTMENT HEAD'S COLUMN



Dr. Frieman and Dr. Donald Saucier check a reference.

This is an exciting time for our department because we are in the midst of change. The first change you notice as you read this newsletter is that I am writing this column. Last December, Dr. Kiefer was selected by the Provost to be the first head of the new All-University Honors Program. Although Dr. Kiefer is still a member of our department, most of his time is devoted to his new

zational psychologist with an interest in occupational health, and for an applied cognitive/human factors psychologist.

Although we had no retirements among the faculty this year, over the next six years we anticipate that there will be four retirements among existing faculty. By setting our priorities now, we are in a position to leverage our current strengths to gain national visibility in these two broad areas. In addition, we plan to develop certificates in Personal and Occupational Health Psychology and Applied Cognitive Science at the graduate level. These will be similar to our existing certificate in occupational health psychology, but the new certificates are not planned to be distance programs as is the OHP certificate program. As you can see, these are indeed exciting times for our department.

position (see separate article below).

Moving farther back in time, two years ago we hired three excellent new faculty members, Mary Cain in behavioral neuroscience, Les Loschky in cognitive/human factors, and Don Saucier in social/personality. All three of them have already made important contributions to our graduate and undergraduate programs.

Moving forward to last fall, we began working on defining a set of priorities for our department to guide us in the coming years. As a result of those discussions, we decided on two overarching priorities that build upon our current strengths: Personal and Occupational Health Psychology and Applied Cognitive Science. These will not be new programs within the department but rather will overlay our existing programs. In other words, for the foreseeable future, we will continue to have four broad programs within our department: Behavioral Neuroscience/Animal Learning, Cognitive/Human Factors Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Social/Personality Psychology. By overlaying our two priorities on top of our existing structure, we will still be able to offer to our students training and experience in these areas along the lines of one or both of our new priorities.

We have already begun to shape the future of our department around these two priorities by hiring Dr. Rupert Klein, a personality/health psychologist from McGill University in Montréal, this year. Furthermore, we are conducting three additional faculty searches this academic year: for a behavioral neuroscientist with an interest in health related issues, for an industrial/organizational

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of knowing most of you. All of you who earned your graduate degrees in the past 38 years took Quantitative Methods with me, and all of you who were undergraduate students in the past 30 years were in Junior Seminar. Before that, many of you were in one of my other classes. I hope your experience at Kansas State University was a good one, and that you have fond memories of your time here and in the Department of Psychology. We look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing. Tell us and we will share your news with the faculty and your classmates at the end of our Alumni Newsletter.

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MEET DR. KLEIN



Rupert Klein has recently joined the Social-Personality program in the area of personality and health.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany to a German father and a Canadian mother, he emigrated with them to Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, where he later received his Honors Bachelor's degree in Psychology, minoring in Philosophy, from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. He recently earned his Ph.D.

from McGill University in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Rupert is a health psychologist, interested in applying personality, social, and cognitive principles to health issues. Three issues he plans to be studying are (1) unconscious and intentional processes in making judgments about risk, (2) judgements made by physicians about medications, and (3) application of personality and cognitive principles to relationship decisions. In addition, he studies psycho-geriatric issues and has an ongoing project with the St. Joseph's Care Group in Thunder Bay, assessing how the various medical professions work together to better serve patient care.

In his spare time, Rupert enjoys fencing, rock-climbing, soccer, and playing eastern Canadian folk music on the violin. He may be reached at rklein@k-state.edu.

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ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST

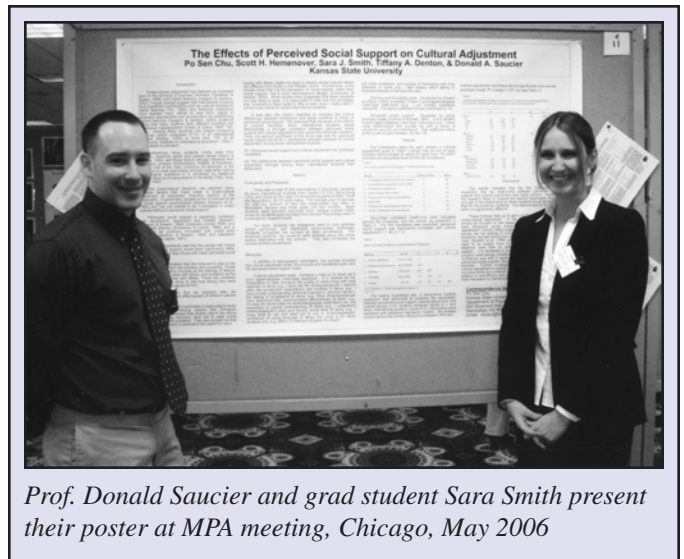
As of early 2006, the Psychology Department's new Accounting Specialist has been Joy Knutson. Joy's job duties include balancing all the department financial accounts and grants, purchasing, human resources, and general office and accounting work. Joy came here most recently from working in accounting at Farm Bureau. After growing up in a military family, Joy lived in the Dallas area for ten years before moving to Kansas three years ago. She has worked in a variety of

jobs, including sales, marketing, customer service, and accounting, and reports that she really enjoys working in the Psychology Department.

Joy lives in Wamego with her fourteen-year-old son Evan, who is a ninth grader. Her extended family also lives in the area. She enjoys volleyball, camping, boating and other outdoor water activities with her family.

DR. KIEFER MOVES UP

Stephen Kiefer stepped down as Department Head in January 2006 to assume a new position in the university: Director of the University Honors Program. Dr. Kiefer was very excited to take on this new role as it means working much more closely with students from across the university. He will miss interacting with so many of the Psychology majors and graduate students but plans to continue his involvement with the department as much as possible. His research laboratory had a summer hiatus as both the graduate students in the laboratory spent their summers in research internships (one at the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the other at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis). They plan to continue their work on taste factors and alcohol ingestion using rodent models. Stephen's two sons Zachary, a sophomore at Tulane University, and Brian, a junior at Manhattan High School, continue to thrive. Nancy serves in the Dean's Office as an Academic Advisor to Open Option students and Social Science majors.



Prof. Donald Saucier and grad student Sara Smith present their poster at MPA meeting, Chicago, May 2006

ADVISING UPDATE



As part of our ongoing efforts to improve academic advising for our ever-increasing numbers of students, the Psychology Department hired a half-time academic advisor beginning in 2004. The current advisor Kristi Harper joined the Psychology Department in October 2004 as the Pre-Psychology Advisor. She graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in

Psychology and Sociology and worked on campus for 24 years in various departments before joining the Psychology Department. She and her husband Skyler are long-time Manhattan residents and have two children, one a KSU student, and one infant grandchild who lives in Oregon.

Several years ago our department divided the major into two areas: pre-psychology and psychology. Students start out in the pre-psych area until they have at least 30 credit hours,

with 15 being at K-State, and have a GPA of at least 2.5. Once students meet that criteria, they are moved into the Psychology program. If transfer students come in with 60 or more credit hours and have a 2.5 or better GPA, they can go directly into the Psychology program. If transfer students have less than 60 credit hours or do not have a 2.5 or better GPA, they will be in Pre-Psychology until they have at least 15 hours at K-State and a 2.5 or better GPA. Students must also have taken General Psychology (PSYCH 110) before they can take any other Psychology course.

In general, Kristi Harper advises the pre-psychology students, and faculty members advise the psychology majors. This allows more time for career counseling as part of academic advising for the psychology majors. Kristi also assists the department with other responsibilities, such as meeting with high school students, taking minutes at faculty meetings, and representing the Psychology Department at Junior Days, Scholarship Days, and the Academic Majors Fair. She may be reached at kharper@k-state.edu.

Kristi Harper and Richard Harris

IDENTIFYING AND RETAINING HIGH QUALITY STUDENTS

Undergraduate and graduate students in the Psychology Department are on the whole a highly motivated and performing group. Each year we can only identify and reward a limited number of these students for their work. We would like your help in providing even greater opportunities for recognition to our students. As I am sure you are aware, the price to attend college goes up each year. Beyond just the inflation associated with daily life costs, tuition has also increased. Funds provided by the State of Kansas to support our programs have continued to decline as a percent of our budget. Each and every student must find ways to cope with these increases.

We would like you to help us provide funding to as many students as we can. Many students deserve scholarships and awards. Helping the department to increase its scholarship and award funds are ways that alums can be extremely helpful. We are asking you to donate at whatever level is comfortable to you. Just remember how much it can mean to our students to know that our past graduates care about the department and our current students.

There are many ways you can make this donation. This coming spring, students from the department will be calling you during the annual TELEFUND. This is a great opportunity to help. Of course, you can at any time contact Department Head Jerome Frieman about these and other opportunities for contributing. His e-mail is frieman@ksu.edu; he would be very pleased to help you.

Here is a brief listing of last year's students who were recognized and rewarded. What is sad is that the list is so short because we do not have the funds to do more. Psychology has

314 pre-majors, 256 undergraduate majors and 55 graduate students. Our ability to recognize only 25 students out of more than 625 total majors is what we hope you will help us to correct by increasing our scholarship and award funds.

The following is a list of students receiving scholarships and awards from the Psychology Department for 2005–2006.

- ✓ **Putnam Scholarships**—Kelsey Jo Dorshorst and Elise Matz.
- ✓ **Foundation Scholarships**—Amber Axelton, Nicole Bosch, Katherine Heavilin, Mary McGivern, Jamie Nittler, John Richards, and Jamie Travis.
- ✓ **Honors Scholarship**—Lauren Wolf.
- ✓ **E. J. Phares Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research**—Ross Baldassarro and April Jacobs.
- ✓ **Peterson Prize for the Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology**—Sarah Koon and Marc Moreau.
- ✓ **Ronald G. and Dorothy J. Downey Dissertation Award**—Meridith Selden (Pease).

Besides the scholarships, some other well-deserved recognition for our students include the following:

- ✗ **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**—Jericho Hockett, Molly McCue, Alyssa McElwain, Tiffany Miller, Marc Moreau, Anne Neises, Amanda Petrik, and Megan Tripp.
- ✗ **Extraordinary Student Award**—Pam Cook
- ✗ **11th Annual Graduate Research Forum**—Julie-Renee Kabriel (first prize, undergraduate) and Disha Rupayana (first prize, graduate social sciences and humanities).

✦ *“Being able to participate in KSU’s psychology program has been important for me in gaining greater insights about myself and others. I plan on one day becoming a psychology professor and hope to help other students gain similar understandings.”*

Jericho Hockett (senior in psychology from liberal KS and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Chi. Jericho has worked as a teaching assistant for Dr. Harris and on research with Dr. Saucier and is tutoring psychology students in the PILOTS program this fall).

✦ *“Once I was involved with the undergraduate research program, I learned much more about psychology and all the possibilities there are in the field”*

Marc Moreau (2006 KSU grad from Bellevue NE now in the Ph.D. program at K-State. He was a 2006 recipient of the Peterson Prize for the Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology. A member of Psi Chi and Phi Beta Kappa, Marc worked with Dr. Fullagar on investigating student engagement and flow).

GREAT PLAINS NETWORK

The Department of Psychology is proud to host the Great Plains Network (GPN) and its director Gregory E. Monaco. The GPN originated as a consortium of Carnegie Research I and II universities in seven states: Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. The GPN was formed in 1997 to achieve economies of scale and cost-savings in the construction of a high-speed computer network to support higher education research efforts, particularly in the field of earth science. A financial award from the National Science Foundation increased the opportunities to expand GPN’s work.

Originally, the network connected GPN member universities among themselves and later connected GPN to the national and international higher education community via Internet2, the premier research & education network. As technology and speed improved, GPN evolved from a networking service provider into a research enterprise which currently seeds multi-university, multi-disciplinary collaborations in the areas of advanced networking, high performance computing, and various other scientific domains.

Member universities have a delegate to the Representative Council and a delegate to the Research Advisory Board. In addition, researchers come together to participate in specific research initiatives. GPN members offer one another high-level expertise in advanced networking, high performance computing, and general research and development.

GPN has a full-time director, Greg Monaco, and staff members, all housed in the Psychology Department at Kansas State University. Their work focuses on creating and facilitating multi-institution collaborations in target scientific domain areas, creating thought pieces on relevant networking and computing technologies, organizing the annual member meeting, and seeding high risk and high reward efforts to bring together experts with similar research interests. Recent GPN milestones include

- 1) Sun Microsystems award to GPN to establish clusters of computers and storage at 3 universities (GPNgrid).
- 2) An NSF award to GPN to bring together experts in human language technology in the US and Morocco.



Scholars group on GPN-sponsored workshop on language technology in Rabat, Morocco, May 28–June 2, 2006

- 3) An award from EDUCAUSE as part of the NSF National Middleware Initiative to test single-sign on authentication/authorization across universities.
- 4) GPN undergraduate assistant Dena Bunnell has been chosen for a Fall 2006 internship at the USDA as a White House liaison.

Greg Monaco, who received his doctorate in Psychology from KSU in 1978, has an appointment as Research Assistant Professor and has also done some teaching for the Psychology Department. We are very fortunate to have had GPN located in our department since 2005. Its presence has already facilitated increased collaborative research at KSU and promises to do so even more in the future.

For more information, to receive notices of GPN activities and opportunities, to receive GPN Technical and Research reports, or to find out how you can participate in GPN activities, please contact greg@greatplains.net.

Greg Monaco and Richard Harris

PSI CHI (UNDERGRADUATE HONORARY SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY)

Psi Chi had a very active year under the leadership of President April Jacobs. The group initiated new members in fall and spring, trained rats to walk a tightrope for K-State Open House, sponsored field trips to the Glore Psychiatric Museum and the Ellsworth Correctional Facility, and hosted its annual spring banquet, at which local clinical psychologist and KSU alum Sandy McCoy was the featured speaker. The group also designed a new t-shirt which sold very well and featured a picture of Sigmund Freud and the statement “If it isn’t one thing, it’s your mother.” Officers for 2006–07 are Heather Hilgenkamp (President), Mary Ray (Webmaster), Tim Burrell (Vice-President), Jericho Hockett (Secretary), and Amber Axelton (Treasurer). Planned events for fall include a picnic and graduate school informational panel.

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Psi Chi members relax at the fall initiation picnic in Goodnow Park.

GRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS (GAPS)



The prize-winning Halloween costume “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves” from the Fall 2005 GAPS party.

The Graduate Association of Psychology students (GAPS) has had a very productive and exciting year and plans to continue down this path for the 2006–2007 academic term. In February of 2006 we revised the GAPS constitution with an increased emphasis on the professional development of psychology graduate students. To increase development, GAPS hosted three workshops and is encouraging attendance and participation at scientific research conferences. For the first time since its inauguration, GAPS was able to procure group travel grant money from the Student Government Association for two scientific conferences in May (SIOP in Dallas and MPA in Chicago). GAPS is also working closely with the faculty to devise a proposal for departmental funding to help students attend scientific conferences; this program will begin funding students this fall. As the new school year approaches, GAPS is continuing its mentor program for incoming students. The main goal of the mentor program is to help make the transition to graduate school as smooth as possible for new students. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for future workshops please contact Amanda Higley at ahigley@ksu.edu.



Grad students Rebecca Sitzes, Natalie Brown, and Andy Wefald help serve ice cream at Grad Student Ice Cream Social.

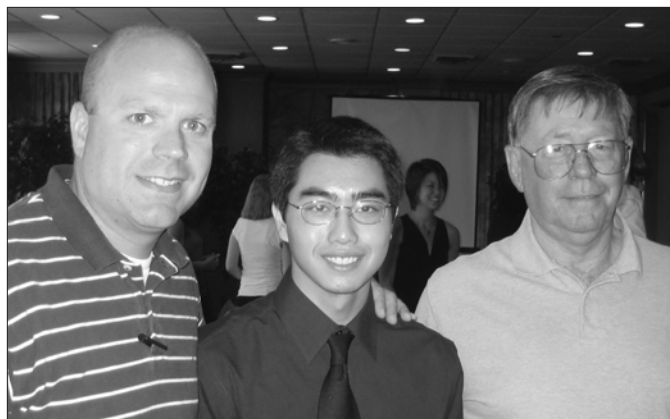
MIOP PROGRAM THRIVING

Several years ago, the K-State Psychology Department, in conjunction with the Division of Continuing Education, decided to introduce a distance masters program into the graduate curriculum. Since then, the Masters in Industrial and Organizational Psychology (MIOP) program has proven a success, and graduates have gone on to excel in today's rapidly changing workforce. The program has continued to flourish in recent years, as increasingly people are recognizing the importance of I/O psychology and how it is crucial to both an efficient workplace and a happy workforce. Incoming students hail from all corners of the nation and from various employment backgrounds, including the United States military, emergency services professionals, managers in large international organizations, university professors, and of course many human resource professionals.

One of the facets of the program that makes it so unique is the mandatory on-campus component of the degree. Each summer, two classes of students travel to the K-State Manhattan campus for an intensive two-week session of courses. All involved with MIOP – students, faculty, and administrators alike – believe that this aspect of the program gives it an edge above and beyond traditional distance learning, as it gives students an opportunity to interact with their peers and their faculty in a face-to-face environment, which adds an important dimension to their educational experience.

It is expected that in the coming years the MIOP program will continue to thrive. The program continues to attract exceptionally qualified applicants who will use the knowledge they gain in the MIOP program to better their respective workplaces as well as to improve their own marketability in an increasingly competitive workforce. Those wishing to learn more about the MIOP program can visit the website www.dce.ksu.edu/industrialpsych or can e-mail miopsych@ksu.edu.

Maura J. Mills



Graduate student Andrew Wefald and Professor Ronald Downey congratulate SUROP participant Kevin Loo on the presentation of his research July 2006.

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 and pictures 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.

1950

Harold D. Burris (B.S.) and his wife Betty Leigh were once high school sweethearts in Eureka KS and now live in retirement in New Mexico. They have four surviving children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Harold volunteers with AARP, DAV and the local Masonic lodge and elementary school. In his KSU days, he was active in theater and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. (2009 Gidding St., Clovis NM 88101, harold_burriss@yahoo.com).

1963

Donald Hardesty (M.S.) is President of Central Research Corporation in Topeka KS.

Burton G. Woodruff III (B.S.) see class of 1970 below.

1968

Milton E. Ahlerich (B.S.) lives in New York City and is Vice-President for Security for the National Football League.

1970

Burton G. Woodruff III (Ph.D.) retired last year from the faculty at Butler University after teaching there for 37 years. Burt lives in Indianapolis IN and would like to contact other KSU Psychology Department alums who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transsexual. email: bwoodruff@butler.edu

1971

Candace Augusta Clendening (B.S.) is Senior Vice-President of Human Resources for Union Bank. She lives in Leawood KS.

Dallas Richards (B.S.) is an Internal Medicine Physician in Hays KS

1973

Wade Andrew Johnson (B.S.) is an Account Manager at AK Steel Foundation in Sparks NV.

1974

Lanell (Kemp) Finneran (formerly Hileman) (B.S., 1974; M.S. 1977) taught special education at the Menninger Foundation and the public schools in Lawrence and Topeka for many years. She later became a Registered Drama Therapist and recently a Board Certified Trainer. She now is a teacher and therapist in the Therapeutic Classroom in the Lawrence Public Schools, in cooperation with the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. Lanell recently co-authored a book *Drama and the Adolescent Journey*, published by Heinemann in April 2006. It is a textbook to help teach future drama therapists in working with adolescents.

Anthony Dennis Link (B.S.) is retired from his work at SunTrust Bank in Atlanta and lives in Midland GA.

1977

Mitchell G. Brigell (Ph.D.) is a research scientist for the Pfizer Foundation in Ann Arbor MI.

1978

Kristi J. Harper (B.S.) continues her work as half-time professional advisor for the Department of Psychology at KSU (see article earlier in this issue). Kristi does the academic advising for all the Pre-Psych majors, as well as working with transfer hours, new students, and other advising and curriculum matters. Her office is in BH 476. Kristi and her husband recently became grandparents (although the baby lives in Oregon!) They also have a son Jason at KSU.

Gregory Monaco (Ph.D.) is Director of Research for the Great Plains Network, a consortium of research institutions and researchers in the Great Plains area. He is also a Research Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at KSU. In May 2006, Greg led an interdisciplinary group of researchers for a workshop on Human Language Technology in Rabat, Morocco. KSU Psychology professor Richard Harris was a part of this group. Greg and his wife Jeanne Tomiser, also a KSU Psychology grad. (M.S., 1978), have a son Elliott, 26, who acts and teaches theater at Northwestern University, and daughter Elyse, 18, a freshman at St. Louis University (greg@greatplains.net)

1979

William C. Deeds (Ph.D.) is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA e-mail: deeds@morningside.edu

Cynthia R. (Redburn) Schmidt (B.S.) is a Product Specialist with SoftMed Systems in Reston VA.

1981

Bernardo Carducci (Ph.D.) is Professor of Psychology and Director of the Shyness Research Institute at Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN. He published the revised edition of his personality textbook titled *The*

Psychology of Personality: Text and Study Guide (2004, Wadsworth Group) and delivered the invited address titled "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Shyness but Were Too Shy to Ask" at the 12th Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology (March 2005). An article featuring Bernie's work at the Shyness Research Institute titled "How to Get Shrinking Violets to Blossom" appeared in the February 25, 2005 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. He also just returned to teaching full-time after being on a year-long sabbatical, which was his third during his 27 years at IUS since leaving KSU in 1979. Bernie's daughter Rozana Carducci continues to make progress towards her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at UCLA and is publishing at a rate that makes her dad proud. (bcarducc@ius.edu)

1984

Ty S. Callahan (B.S.) received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from West Virginia University and is now a Clinical Neuropsychologist in private practice in Omaha NE.

Bruce M. Perrin (Ph.D.) is a Lead Engineer for the Boeing Company in St. Louis MO.

James P. Wright (B.S.) is manager at Carlos O'Kelly's Restaurant in Manhattan KS

1985

Loren Evey (Ph.D.) is Assistant Professor in the Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences at the Hershey Medical Center of Penn State University in Hershey PA.

1987

Michael Klassen (Ph.D.) continues as Professor of Marketing at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls IA. Mike recently published a book *Bad Religion: The Psychology of Religious Misbehavior*. Mike and his wife Emily have three children Scott (24), Robb (18), and Jeni (17).

Randy Warner (BS) lives in Olathe, KS with his wife Susan and sons Nate (17) and Andrew (12). He now directs the Olathe District Schools' eAcademy, the virtual high school, after teaching science in Olathe for eighteen years and leading in curriculum development and technology integration. He received a Master of Arts in Education Technology Leadership from George Washington University in 2001. In 1997 he was named a Kansas Master Teacher and in 1998 was named the Kansas secondary science awardee for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. rwarneronw@olatheschools.com

1990

Robin Hilsabeck (B.S.) received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Louisiana State University with a specialty in clinical neuropsychology. She now runs the Neuropsychology Service at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in San Antonio and also directs their postdoctoral residency program in clinical neuropsychology. She is also an adjunct faculty member in Neurology at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio and in Psychiatry at the University of California at San Diego.

Jerwen Jou (Ph.D.), Professor of Psychology at University of Texas-Pan American, had a fascinating experience in Fall 2005. He and his wife Chian-hua were invited guests at the School of Psychology at Southwest University in Chongqing, China, where Jerwen gave several talks to the faculty and graduate students on his cognitive research. He also advised them on publishing papers in international (especially American) journals. While there, Jerwen and Chian-hua made several trips to tourist sites near Chongqing, including a five-day tour to the Yangtze River Great Dam (about 2/3 complete at their visit), and other famous scenic places along the river. As Chinese-Americans who have spent most of their adult life in the U.S., Jerwen and Chian-hua found this visit a very significant personal journey.

1991

Rajan Mahadevan (M.S.) was recently promoted to the new position of Distinguished Lecturer in the Psychology Department at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he has taught since completing his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology at Florida State University in 1999. Rajan is well-known as a memorist, and is cited in many books and videos for his memorization of over 31,000 digits of the value of pi.

1992

Edmond Leboeuf (B.S. '92, MPA '94) received a Legal Studies degree from Washburn University in May of 2006. He works as a Special Investigator for the Chief Counsel's office of the Kansas Department of Transportation. In his spare time, he does television work for a Topeka PBS station and travels the country playing guitar at open-mic nights. E-mail: edmond.leboeuf@washburn.edu

1993

Roxanne Biffinger Hug (B.S.) and her husband A. Joseph Hug., Jr. welcomed a daughter Mara Jane born March 5, 2006. The Hugs live in Iola KS.

Heather Whealy (B.S.) has used her degree in Psychology to become an licensed early intervention specialist, working with children ages 0-3 who had various developmental delays. She also became a licensed Kindermusik teacher, after staying home with her two children Lakin and Drake. Kindermusik developed a company called Do-Re-Me & You with a line of children's books and CDs. Each kit focuses on some area of development through music. Heather says she feels very blessed to have had a degree in psychology, because it has helped her with all of her career choices! She and her husband live at 919 N. Anthony in Anthony, Kansas. email: bwhealy@classicnet.net, website: www.drmy.net/hwhealy

1995

Amy Beth Gross (Ph.D.) continues as Associate Director of the Idea Center at KSU. She and her husband John Pagan and son John Doyle live in Manhattan.

Andrew T. Johnson (Ph.D.) was promoted to full professor at Park University in Parkville MO. Ande also received the Frank Costin Memorial Award from the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology in January 2006 for a poster he presented and was featured in Who's Who among America's

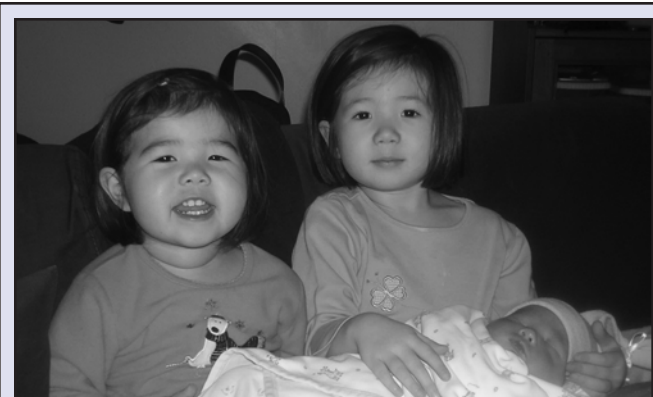
Teachers for the third year in a row. Ande and his Buffy live with their two daughters Ellye and Aeva in Kearney MO.

Carrick Williams and Camilla Forshay Williams (both B.S.) have moved to Starkville MS, where Carrick is on the faculty at Mississippi State University and Camilla is in clinical practice in the community. Both earned their doctorates at Michigan State University, after which Carrick had a postdoc at the University of Massachusetts and Camilla an internship at Mount Holyoke College.

1996

John M. Hill (B.S.) is Human Resource Manager for Ingersoll-Rand Company in Atlanta GA.

Julia C. Pounds (Ph.D.) continues her work as a researcher at the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) of the Federal Aviation Administration CAMI training facility in Oklahoma City OK. She recently returned from visiting the Civil Aviation University of China (CAUC) in Tianjin, People's Republic of China (PRC). She lectured on human factors in general and her research in particular. Operational personnel from several Chinese air terminal facilities attended, representing several operational Air Traffic Management functions, such as incident reporting, controller training, and facility automation systems. Professors and students from several areas of aviation studies at CAUC also participated. Discussion topics included CAMI's role in aerospace research, research performed by its human factors scientists, the role of human factors relative to incident reporting and classification, human factors and runway incursions, the JANUS technique for incident data collection, and the National Air Traffic Professionalism Project skills training program. Besides working, Julia visited the Great Wall of China as well as other sights.



Liesl and Anja Schrag hold their baby brother Soren, born to David Schrag (M.S. 1996) and Tina Huang.

David Schrag (M.S.) and his wife Tina Huang welcomed a new addition to their family, Soren Wei Kang Schrag, born on Jan. 3, 2006. Older sisters Anja and Liesl love having a little brother.

1997

Jay Sizemore (B.S) married Erin Coyne (from Ottawa Canada), whom he met in law school at Washburn University, in August 2005. Jay graduated with his law degree in 2001 and

now works as an assistant county attorney for Harvey County in Newton KS. (349 S Yale, Wichita KS 67218; sizemore-rules@yahoo.com)

1998

Noah J. Mosier (B.S.) and wife Jennica welcomed their first child into the world in May 2006. They live in Lincoln NE, where Noah is completing his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2000

Molly White Rottinghaus (B.S.) completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Oklahoma State University in 2005. She is now on a post-doctoral fellowship at the Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis TN. In fall 2005 she married fellow KSU grad Joseph Rottinghaus.

Christy Scott (Ph.D.) is a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Psychology at St. Mary's College of California in Moraga CA (near Berkeley). She is enjoying everything about northern California except the cost of housing.

2001

Carrie Lane (B.S.) recently received her doctorate in Social Psychology from the University of Texas at Arlington, where she wrote her dissertation on "The Evolution of Gender Differences in Adult Crying." Carrie is now an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Florida State University in Tallahassee FL.

Tara (Bell) Smith (B.A.) works as a birth doula and stays home with her two children, ages two and five. Tara reports that a birth doula is "a labor support person, hired by the expecting parents, who provides informational, physical, and emotional support before, during, and after the birth. We complement the medical care given by their doctor/midwife/nurse. It is a growing profession due to the busy and technical nature of today's hospitals and the subsequent decrease in personalized attention given to laboring moms. Research shows that the presence of a doula decreases the length of labor, rate of c-sections, need for medications and interventions, and the length of hospital stay for mother and baby. Mothers also report less pain, greater success in breastfeeding, and less postpartum depression. All-in-all, a very exciting job, and it is also quite an honor each time." Tara and her husband recently moved from Manhattan to Overland Park. e-mail: tsmith@dstreetdesigns.com

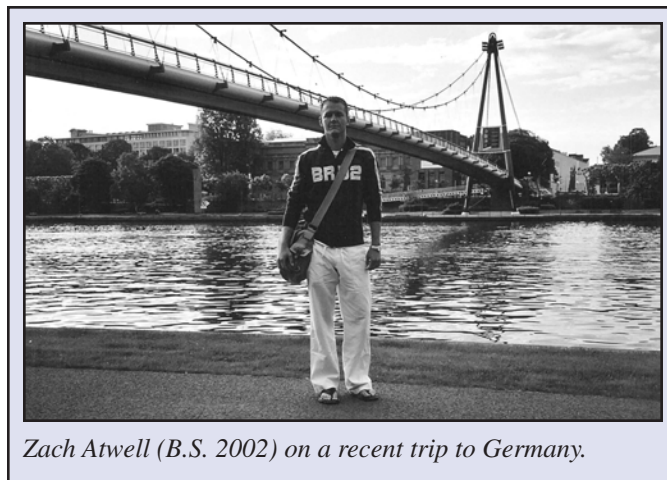
Nina Tarnern (Ph.D.) is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. (email: tarnern@sacredheart.edu).

Katie Wiens (B.S.) recently completed her doctoral work in Neuroscience at the University of Minnesota and is now teaching at the University of California Irvine.

2002

Zachary Atwell (B.S.) has been very busy. He continues running his successful small business Timberland Development Company Inc, which builds large residential homes, as a

hobby. For three years until December 2005 he was an account executive and consultant for a corporate relocation company, where he was named Employee of the Year in 2004. Since December 2005 Zach has worked for Smith Barney Investment Company, where he is being licensed to be a stock broker. He hopes to focus on "intergenerational wealth management," where the focus is on retaining wealth for entire families from one generation to the next. Zach reports that many financial planners don't have the understanding or experience necessary to help those type of families. Zach lives in the Kansas City area.



Zach Atwell (B.S. 2002) on a recent trip to Germany.

Susan Burns (Ph.D.), Assistant Professor of Psychology at Morningside College in Sioux City IA, was named the 2006 recipient of the Iowa AAUW Distinguished Faculty Award.

Tony Kubina (B.S.) and **Lindsay Smith** (B.S., M.S., 2005) were married on July 15, 2006. They met when they were both undergraduate teaching apprentices in the Psychology Dept at KSU in Fall 2001. Lindsay continues work on her doctorate in Animal Learning/Behavioral Neuroscience at KSU and Tony continues on his M.S. in Clinical Psychology at Washburn University.

Meridith Pease Selden (M.S.) continues working on her dissertation for KSU. In addition, she recently began teaching at Gallaudet University in Washington DC and has been busily learn sign language!

Jolyn (Whitaker) Sena (B.S.) obtained her Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology at the University of Kansas in 2005. She completed her school psychology internship during the 2005-2006 school year through USD 290 in Ottawa, KS, and continues to work as a school psychologist for this district. Jolyn was also married in September 2005 and lives in Lawrence KS. E-mail: senaj@usd290.org

2003

John M. Berger (B.S.) completed his M.S. in Industrial Psychology at Emporia State University and now works as an industrial psychologist for Payless Shoes in Topeka KS.

Desirae McKenzie Moreno (B.S.) recently began studies for her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Wichita State University.

Kimberly Raddatz (M.S.) works for Sprint in Overland Park KS doing Human Factors research on visual perception and usability while she completes her dissertation for her Ph.D. from KSU.

Kristin Smee (B.S.) has worked as a research assistant for the KSU Office of Planning and Analysis since January 2004.

2004

Jennifer Bonds-Raacke (Ph.D.) and **John Raacke** (Ph.D., 2005) welcomed their second daughter, Brooke, in February 2006. Older sister Callie turned three last April. As if life were not exciting enough, John and Jenn recently moved to south central North Carolina, where both accepted positions as Assistant Professors of Psychology at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke in Pembroke NC. The Raackes now live in Laurinburg NC.



John Raacke (Ph.D., 2005) and daughter Callie enjoy a moment with Callie's baby sister Brooke.

Sarah Bouker (B.A.) is working on her Master's Degree in Public Administration in the Department of Political Science at KSU. She recently received a Presidential Management Fellowship, a very prestigious federal government award.

Ryan Burns (B.S.) works in Human Resources at the Chicago Art Institute in Chicago IL and hopes to attend law school in the future.

Crystal Duclos (B.S.) recently began her studies for a master's degree in Clinical Psychology at the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield MO.

Brian M. Friel (Ph.D.) continues on the faculty at Delaware State University in Dover DE. On June 18, 2005, he married Cindy Seto at the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer, in Las Vegas, NV. Many family and K-State friends were present to celebrate their union.

Jarrold D. Fritsch (B.S.) works as a Technical Information Analyst in the PsycINFO directorate of the American Psychological Association in Washington DC. Jarrold lives in Alexandria VA (e-mail: jfritsch@apa.org).

Kim Gewain (B.S.) worked for two years as a dental assistant in Lincoln NE and just recently began graduate studies in the Physician Assistant Program at Wichita State University.

J. Bret Knappenberger (B.S.) continues working in retailing in Chicago IL.

Gwen Lupfer (Ph.D.) is now in a tenure-track position in the Department of Psychology at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

Patricia Marsh (Ph.D.) recently began a position as tenure-track Assistant Professor of Psychology at Central Missouri State University (CMSU, 1111 Lovinger, Warrensburg, MO 64093). From January 2006 through February 2007, Patricia served as a consultant (third-party evaluator) on a grant-funded project evaluating the reading literacy preparation programs of the city of St. Joseph, MO. That project involved surveying parents, teachers, childcare facilities, and program directors who have an impact on children's early literacy development skills. E-mail: pmarsh@cmsu.edu

Amy E. Martin (B.S.) worked for two years with the American Cancer Society as an Income Development Representative in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She arranged three major fundraising events for the metro Baton Rouge area. She began study for a master's in mass communication at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in August 2006.

2005

Amy McCabe Conner (Ph.D.) works as a program evaluator with K-State's Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation. Amy and her husband Christopher Conner had a baby girl, Leah Grace, on January 17, 2006. They live in St. George KS.

Alicia Edison (B.S.) is working on her master's degree in sociology at the University of North Texas in Denton TX.

Bryan Herwig (B.S.) is now in his second year of working on his M.B.A. degree at KSU. He also works as a graduate assistant in the Career and Employment Services office.

Michael Hinkin (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in the Cognitive Human Factors Psychology Program at KSU.

Cassandra Lewis Hulsey (B.S.) is working at Pawnee Mental Health and Amanda Arnold Elementary School in Manhattan in preparation for applying to graduate school in school psychology.

Maria Isabel Perrella (B.A.) recently began studies for her M.S. in Industrial-Organizational psychology at Missouri State University in Springfield MO.



Wedding of Brian Friel (Ph.D., 2004) and Cindy Seto, June 18, 2005.

Tenisha Pettus recently began graduate study at Friends University in Wichita KS for her Master's degree in Family Science with a specialty in Marriage and Family Therapy

2006

Erika Anderson (B.S.) now lives in Galveston TX, where her husband is in Medical School and she will soon start graduate studies in some aspect of health professions.

Adam Augustine (M.S.) is continuing graduate study for a Ph.D. in Personality Psychology at Washington University in St. Louis.

Ross Baldassaro (B.S.) is beginning studies for his M.S. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. His wife Sarah is beginning her studies for her M.D. at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City KS.

Stephanie Black (B.S.) is beginning studies for her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Valdosta State University in Valdosta GA. She is also a graduate assistant there.

Sarah Koon Blank (B.A.) recently began graduate study for a Master's Degree in Counseling at Arizona State University in Phoenix AZ. She was married to Trace Blank on September 16 in Kansas City MO.

Elizabeth Cady (Ph.D.) is now a Research Associate for the Center for the Advancement of Scholarship in Engineering Education, which is part of the National Academy of Engineering, in Washington DC (*etcady@yahoo.com*)

Elizabeth Cannon is beginning graduate school in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at San Francisco State University in San Francisco CA.

Ryan Eshelman (B.S.) works for Lifestyle Fitness in Allen TX. On June 3 Ryan married fellow KSU grad Laura Propp in Columbia MO. They live in Plano TX.

Travis Flewelling (M.S.) recently began studying for his Ph.D. in School Psychology at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb IL. His wife Amy works in the Kinesiology Department at NIU.

April Jacobs (B.S.) is beginning studies for her M.S. degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at KSU. She was also married this summer.

Julie-Renee Kabriel (B.S.) is working on her M.S. in Animal Learning/Behavioral Neuroscience at KSU.

Michael Katz (B.S.) is beginning study for a master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro TN, where he has a Graduate Assistantship. This past summer, Mike had a Human Resources Internship at the Sheraton Hotel in Maui HI.

Jeffrey Kleysteuber (B.S.) recently began law school at Creighton University in Omaha NE.

Alyssa McElwain (B.A.) is beginning graduate school in the doctoral program in Marriage and Family Therapy at Purdue University in West Lafayette IN.

Marc Moreau (B.A.) is beginning doctoral studies in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at KSU and working as a Graduate Research Assistant with Dr. Clive Fullagar.

Kevin Pelzel (B.S.) is beginning graduate study for a Master's degree in clinical psychology at Pepperdine University in Malibu CA.

Reed Peterson (B.S.) worked in a casino in Reno NV and plans to apply for graduate school in cognitive psychology.

Anne Pingnot (Ph.D.) is now working on a postdoctoral fellowship with Prof. Len Dalglish at the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland.

Scott Schmidt (B.S.) is beginning graduate study in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Tirza Shulman (Ph.D.) is now a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Wisconsin Marinette in Marinette WI (e-mail: *tirza.shulman@uwc.edu*). She lives in Marinette WI.

Lauryn Skrymes (B.S.) recently began nursing school at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City MO to complete her R.N. degree.

Roya Taghizadeh (B.S.) is beginning graduate studies for her M.S. in I/O psychology at the University of Tulsa.

Tuan Q. Tran (Ph.D.) is a Human Factors Scientist at Idaho National Labs in Idaho Falls ID. He works on projects under contract from NASA and the Department of Energy. He is also a part-time Adjunct Assistant Professor at Idaho State University (e-mail: *Tuan.Tran@inl.gov*).

Christopher Vowels (M.S.) and his wife Nicole welcomed their first child, daughter Victoria Jade Vowels, into the world on July 29, 2006.

FACULTY ALUMNI

Scott Hemenover (KSU 2000–2006) is now an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Western Illinois University in Macomb IL. (e-mail: *SH-Hemenover@wiu.edu*)

Keith Jones (KSU 1999–2003) continues on the faculty at Texas Tech University (*keith.s.jones@ttu.edu*)

Frank ("Skip") Saal (KSU 1976–96) recently retired after five years as Provost/Vice-President for Academic Affairs at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York. He and his wife Cathie recently visited Manhattan, where Skip presented an informal colloquium in the Psychology Department on August 25. All three of their children are married with children and all live with their families in Kansas. Skip and Cathie have seven grandchildren.

Kip Smith (KSU 1998–2003) continues as Research Professor of Industrial Ergonomics at Linköping University, Sweden.

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