Important Dates

Welcome Psychology Students Dinner:
September 14th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Heroes restaurant; FREE FOOD AND PRIZES!).

Thesis Workshops: Sept 12th, 13th, & 18th: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in WDE 2401 (register online).

Fall Career Expo: October 10th (Multi).

Psychology Day (For HS Seniors):
November 9th (Department & Ellis Dining Hall).

Scholarship Deadlines:
Check scholarship board across from Lov. 1111.

Juniors and Seniors

ACAT: Registration deadline is Sept. 24th.
Graduation:
Apply for graduation once you complete 90 credit hours.
Exit Interviews:
Are required to graduate (see Tara Duckworth: Lov. 1011).
Capstone Course:
Psy 4110, Systems of Psychology is required to graduate.
GRE PREP: Enroll in AE 1250; Sept 18—Oct. 11 (M & W) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
ADVICE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

If you plan on applying to graduate school for the Fall 2007 school year, remember to:

• Begin reviewing application requirements now. Learn about application deadlines for financial aid, fellowships, and assistantships.
• Ask for letters of recommendation early. Drop by the Department and request a copy of the packet, “How to Request a Strong Letter of Recommendation.”
• Begin writing your statement of purpose and have it proofread by someone you can trust to give honest feedback.
• Prepare for the GRE. Strongly consider enrolling in AE 1250. The class meets from 9/18 to 10/11 from 3-5 p.m. M&W. Also, as a computer based exam, the testing will go much smoother the more practice you have.
• Every application requires a vita. An effective way to enhance your vita is through research experience and volunteer work.

If you plan to enroll in the CMSU Psychology MS program in Fall 2007 and you want a graduate assistant position, you need to start the process ASAP. The department has six GA positions; once a graduate student has been selected to become a GA, he or she may hold the position for four semesters. If you want to be a GA, you will need to meet specific requirements. For example, to assist with Intelligence Testing, you must successfully complete Psy 5560 and be selected by the instructor. Also, if you are interested in a GA position for RDA or the Physiological Psychology Lab, you must have successfully completed these classes and be selected by the instructors.

If you are interested in applying for a GA position in Fall 2007, contact Dr. Ryan or Dr. Smith in the Psychology Office (Lov. 1111) immediately.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Department currently has six graduate assistants; Marla Chapman: Research Coordinator GA (any questions concerning research requirements, space, and scheduling see Marla in Lov 1011), Laura Glass: Intelligence Testing GA (any questions, contact Laura in Lov 1005), Jenny Collier & Darcy Robbins: Research Design & Analysis GAs (any questions in regards to lab assignments and SPSS see Jenny in Lov 1005 or Darcy in Lov 1013), CariAnn Bergner: General Psychology GA (any questions concerning the General Psychology course, contact CariAnn in Lov 1011), Summer Righter: Physiological Psychology Lab GA (any questions regarding lab procedures and requirements, contact Summer in Lov 1013), and Tara Duckworth: Diversity Scholar GA assigned to the Department Chair (any questions on getting involved in department activities or available scholarships in psychology, contact Tara in Lov 1011).

Recent theses completed:

• A comparative analysis of psychological methods for the treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorders. Jennifer Pink

Central students accepted to Graduate programs for Fall 2006:

• Ben Brockman: Saint Louis University, Marriage and Family Therapy counseling master’s program.
• Amber Hinton: UMKC, Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program.
• Kristina Walker: CMSU, M.S. Counselor Education program.
• Jennifer Collier, CariAnn Bergner, Emily Mick, Laura Glass, Daniel Turpin, Nathaniel Barnicle, Joe Berry, & Tara Duckworth: CMSU, M.S. Psychology Program.

Fall 2006 Undergraduate Research Assistants:

• Ashley Lopata: assistant to Dr. Lundervold
• Tina Church: assistant to Dr. Ryan
• Callie Brockman: assistant to Dr. Ament
• Jessica K. Edelbaum: assistant to Dr. SW
• Chris Boeding: assistant to Dr. Kreiner
• Rebecca Russ: assistant to Dr. Miller
• Elizabeth Matthew: assistant to Dr. Marsh

**If you are a second semester junior and are interested in a paid research assistantship for next semester, contact Dr. Ryan in the psychology department or at 543-4185 or via email at ryan@cmsu.edu. Research assistants are appointed on a semester to semester basis.**
PSYCHOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS AT CENTRAL

Psi Chi
Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology. Faculty advisors, Drs. David S. Kreiner and Robert F. Ahlering, will guide Psi Chi members in the 2006-2007 academic year. Officers for this academic year are Chris Boeding (President), Christine Watkins (Vice-President), Rachel Calhoun (Secretary), Milleshia McGlothen (Treasurer), and Laura Glass (Historian). Qualified students are invited to join Psi Chi. The purpose of this organization is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of members and to advance the science of psychology.

Message from the Psi Chi President:
Member involvement is key to a successful Psi Chi Chapter. Starting this fall, Psi Chi will undergo many new structural changes. Additionally, new activities will be implemented such as a mentoring program to aid freshmen and sophomore students. We need Psi Chi members to participate in this program by assisting these students through the psychology major as well as encouraging them to become involved in the research process.

For those interested in graduate school, Psi Chi will integrate many helpful tools to better prepare students. Leadership opportunities, research experience, and Graduate Record Exam (GRE) practice are just a few examples.

Chris Boeding

Applications are available in the Psychology office (Lovinger 1111). For more information, contact Chris Boeding at cmb13500@cmsu2.cmsu.edu.

Psychology Club
Calling all undergraduate and graduate students! The Psychology Club is looking for members and dues are only $10.00 per year. Activity planning, fund raising, and business agendas are discussed during our weekly meetings.

During the Spring 2006 semester, Psychology Club members were involved in fundraising activities such as a bake sale, book sale, and a student versus faculty basketball game.

Officer elections will be conducted during the second week of the Fall semester. Officers and members will start planning activities for the Fall and Spring semesters. Being a member of the Club allows you to get involved, have fun, and start networking with professors and fellow students.

We invite all psychology students to join the Psychology Club and look forward to seeing new and old faces. Students interested in joining should contact Dr. Jon Smith.

PSYCHOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS AT CENTRAL

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Dept. of Psychology
The department has a new webpage. Check it out and see what you think!
www.cmsu.edu/x67669.xml
THE GREAT PLAINS STUDENTS' PSYCHOLOGY CONVENTION

The Psychology Department sponsored the 26th Annual Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention March 17th-18th, 2006. The conference included poster and paper presentations and also featured nationally prominent speakers at the Friday night banquet and the Saturday, Stephen F. Davis Distinguished Lecture. There were over 300 participants representing over 30 colleges and universities.

The keynote speakers were Dr. Danny Wedding (March 17th) from the Missouri Institute of Mental Health and Dr. Craig Anderson from Iowa State University (March 18th). Dr. Wedding's talk was entitled, *Movies and Mental Illness: How Films Perpetuate the Stigma of Mental Illness* and Dr. Anderson's was entitled, *Violent Video Games: Research and Public Policy*.

Start planning for the 27th annual Great Plains Student’s Psychology Convention, March 16th and 17th, at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

2006 Great Plains Presentations by CMSU Students

- Myth Acceptance in University and Junior College Students; L. Glass, C. Walsh, J. Groeper, & J. Collier (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ryan)
- The Effects of Divorce on Risk Taking Behavior; S. Righter (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ament) Summer won second place for her poster presentation in the Graduate Empirical General Session.
- The Relationship between Divorce and Attachment Style; S. Righter (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ahlering) Summer won second place for her oral presentation in the Graduate Non-Empirical Session.
- The Weapon Focus Effect; T. Duckworth (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kreiner) Tara won second place for her oral presentation in the Undergraduate Non-Empirical Session.
- Incompetent Allies: FDR, Churchill, and Stalin; L. Glass, M. Tejan, & T. Church (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ryan)
- Relationships of Psychological Birth Order and Parent-Child Relationship with Campus Involvement; A. Hinton (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kreiner) Amber won second place for her oral presentation in the Graduate Empirical General Session.
- Student Perception of Coercion in Participation of Psychological Research; W. Miller (Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kreiner)

Alumnus Update

Flannery Brill received her psychology B.S. degree in 2003 from CMSU and is currently completing her master’s degree. Her thesis chair and graduate advisor is Dr. Ryan. Until recently, Flannery was a Clinical Data Coordinator (CDC) at Quintiles in Kansas City. Quintiles is one of the biggest Contract Research Organizations (CRO) in the Midwest. As a CDC, she organized data for clinical research trials from sites all over the world. According to Flannery, “Working on research with professors and the Research Design and Analysis classes at CMSU have really helped me excel in my position.” She was recently promoted and now works with Institutional Review Boards (IRB) and individual investigators to insure the smooth execution of research and protocols. There are numerous career options available to psychology graduates in the clinical research field. If you would like information about a career in clinical research at Quintiles, feel free to contact Flannery at flannerymbrill@yahoo.com.
The 2006 Psychology Banquet was held at Heroes Restaurant on April 28th. Dr. Adam Buhman Wiggs was the guest speaker and his presentation was titled, “Accepting and Utilizing Personhood as a Psychologist.” Dr. Buhman Wiggs is a CMSU Alumnus and Associate Professor at Benedictine College.

The banquet, sponsored by Psychology Club and Psi Chi, was attended by 50 students, guests and faculty. It is an annual spring event in which students and faculty are recognized for achievements during the preceding academic year. Awards are given for outstanding professor and outstanding graduate and undergraduate students. Also announced are scholarship winners, the recipient for the most Outstanding Masters Thesis Award, and students who have published/presented research.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your faculty members and fellow students as well as provide support for your department. Make plans now to attend the 2007 psychology banquet.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A great way to get involved is via professional organizations. We were represented at the 114th APA Convention by three faculty and two student coauthors. The convention was held in New Orleans, August 10th-13th, 2006.

The department was represented at the 2006 APS convention by two faculty and four student co-authors. The convention was held in New York, May 25th-May 28th.

Make plans to participate in future meetings. APS will be in Washington, DC, May 24-27; APA will be in San Francisco, CA, August 17-20.

STUDENT COAUTHORED PUBLICATIONS


APS PRESENTATIONS

- Common features derived abstract pattern prototype formation is not related to hemispheric specialization. Robbins, D., Ament, P. A., Miller, W., Koch, P.
- Relationships of music preferences with perceived intelligence, measured intelligence, and mood state. Walker, K., & Kreiner, D. S.
- Disability measures in essential tremor patients are related to numeric prototype abstraction memory. Ament, P. A., Lundervold, D. A., Pahwa, R., & Lyons, K.

APA PRESENTATIONS

- Anosmia as a prognostic indicator in mild to moderate head injury. Miller, L. J., Mittenberg, W., & Ryan, J. J.
- Concordance of the GMI and DMI for the WMS-III. Ryan, J. J., Glass, L. A., & Tree, H. A.
- Characteristics of rural, Midwestern senior citizens who use e-mail. Stark-Wroblewski, K. S., Edelbaum, J. K., & Ryan, J. J.
Faculty Publications


CONGRATULATIONS

- David Kreiner and Chris Boeding received travel funding from Psi Chi for the National Leadership Conference in January, 2007.

- Joseph J. Ryan received the Kyle R. Carter Graduate Faculty Research Award in order to support his research and other scholarly activities.

- Laura Glass received the Distinguished Student Writer Award for her article entitled: Effect of test-expectancy and word bank availability on test performance; published in the College Student Journal.

- Vicki Silvers Gier accepted a faculty position at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

- Tara Duckworth is the 2006-2007 President’s Diversity Scholar.

- Daniel Turpin - Graduate Assistant to the College of Education and Human Services Grant Writing Group.

Raymond D. Fowler Award

Joseph J. Ryan received the 2006 Raymond D. Fowler Award from the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS). The APAGS honors psychologists who have made outstanding contributions to students’ professional development. Part of what makes this award so significant is that current students, who are members of APAGS, must make the nomination. The APAGS is one of the largest constituency groups of the American Psychological Association (APA) as well as the largest organized group of psychology graduate students worldwide.
Dear Students:

This year our goal is to make sure every junior and senior has a psychology advisor. Each student will have the option of which professor he/she would like to have as an advisor. Unfortunatley, professors are very busy themselves, so there is a limited amount of students each professor can advise. In order to sign up, you will need to contact me to choose your advisor. If you do not already have someone in mind, I will provide you with information on each professor to facilitate your decision.

It is the students’ responsibility to set up appointments with the advisor. The advisors can help students with scheduling for the upcoming semester, inform students of graduation and program requirements for psychology, and help students with both short term and long term educational goals within psychology. In addition, advisors can help students with career exploration and networking within psychology and may connect students to campus resources. Lastly, advisors can explain the process of enrolling for courses as well as adding or dropping classes.

If you need to sign up for an advisor or if you already have an advisor and for some reason, you are not satisfied with your advisor please contact Tara Duckworth (office: 1011 or tsd61400@cmsu2.cmsu.edu) for assignment or reassignment. Please keep in mind that professors can only advise so many students, so some of the professor may no longer have room for new advisees.

Good luck juniors and seniors! Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tara Duckworth

Faculty Advisors are as follows:

- Dr. David Kreiner
- Dr. Arthur Kemp
- Dr. Joseph Ryan
- Dr. Jon Smith
- Dr. Kim Stark-Wroblewski
- Dr. Robert Ahlering (seniors only)