**CHAIR’S CHAT:** Membership Has Its Privileges

What’s in your wallet? Chances are, you have a number of items that represent your identity. For example, I recently received an AARP card in the mail, which communicates that I’m….well, mature. Our memberships represent who we are personally and professionally.

I would like to share some thoughts about professional memberships that might be helpful. Why should you be a member of any professional organizations? Which ones make sense for you? And how can they support your career development?

**How Much Would You Pay Now?**

You can get some very concrete benefits by joining certain organizations. For example, if you are going to a professional conference, the registration fee is often substantially less if you are a member of the organization. In fact, the difference in registration fees is often more than the cost of joining the organization for a year. Here’s an example. As a student affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA), your annual dues right now would be $35 if you are an undergraduate or $57 if you are a graduate student (because, you know, graduate students have so much more money). If you went to this year’s convention in Washington, D.C., advance registration as a student affiliate would have cost you $70, while you would have paid $305 in advance registration as a non-member. What?!

Each organization provides a range benefits for the cost of your dues. If you joined the Association for Psychological Science (APS) as a student affiliate, it would cost you $38 per year as an undergraduate or $78 per year as a graduate student. You would receive online and print subscriptions to five APS journals, including Current Directions in Psychological Science, which is a great journal for getting research ideas. You would also get the APS magazine, the Observer.

But Wait, There’s More...

So how do you know what organization(s) to join? Choose organizations that are consistent with and support the career path you have chosen. One way to do this is to find out what organizations professionals in your field belong to and value. The first two students who email me with the name of a professional organization that they have joined, and a sentence about why they joined, will receive a small prize.

One of the benefits of membership is that it can help you establish your professional identity. Membership itself is not as important as how belonging to the organization can help develop your knowledge, skills, and awareness of the field. Professional organizations provide ways to socialize you into the field. You can learn the lingo that professionals use, be aware of the issues that they talk about, and network with potential colleagues. You can also get good information about graduate programs and job openings.

Finally, some of the most important benefits involve the opportunity for you to give back. As you mature professionally, you may find that one of the most rewarding things you can do is to contribute to your profession. Many professional organizations provide great opportunities for you to do just that.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Important Dates**

Fall Career Expo:
Wednesday, October 8th, 2014
(1 - 4 p.m.) Multipurpose Building Arena

Fall Graduation Ceremony:
Graduate - Friday, December 12th
Undergraduate - Saturday, December 13th

**Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference:**
November 14th & 15th, 2014 at Lindenwood University, St. Charles MO. Registration deadline is October 24th.
Early bird registration is $20 and $25 at the door. For more information go to this website:
http://www.lindenwood.edu/mupc/

Great Plains Student’s Psychology Convention:
March 13-14, 2015 at Friends University, Wichita KS.
DEPARTMENT NEWS

The department currently has six graduate assistants (office hours are in parentheses):

Matthew Hutsell - Physiological Psychology - Drs. Ament and Carter’s Physio classes. See Matt for questions about lab procedures and requirements - Lov 1011 (Office Hours: M 1-3; W 1-2; TR 1-3) mah35940@ucmo.edu

Jonathan Nauser - Individual Intelligence Testing - Dr. Joseph Ryan. See Jonathan with your questions about protocols. Lov 1011 (Office Hours: M-W 2-3 & R 2-4) or jwn32390@ucmo.edu Jonathan will also be conducting the Senior Exit Surveys.

Katharina Oesch - General Psychology - See Katharina with any questions about a general psychology course - Lov 1013 (Office Hours: TR 1-3:30) or kcd70390@ucmo.edu

Natalie Singleton - Research Design and Analysis and Research Coordinator - Dr. Carter. See Natalie for questions about stats or Sona- Lov 1013 (Office Hours: MW 2-4 & T 2-3) nnj75950@ucmo.edu

Amy Garcia - Research Design and Analysis - Students from Drs. Ament and Hwang’s classes should see Amy about lab assignments and SPSS - Lov 1206 (Office Hours: MT 3-5 & W 3-4) or amg93900@ucmo.edu

Adrionia Molder - Administrative Retention - Works in conjunctions with department chair. Office Lov 1206 (Office Hours: T 11-1 & W 10-1) or amm57640@ucmo.edu

New Faculty Profile:
Dr. Aqualus M. Gordon

Dr. Gordon received his doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. His primary academic interests include human sexuality, male psychology, sports psychology, as well as various intersections of psychology, identity, and culture. Before coming to UCM he completed his doctoral internship and fellowship at the University of New Hampshire, where he specialized in men’s mental health. Dr. Gordon also received his Master’s in Educational Psychology from the University of Texas and B.A. in Psychology from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indi-

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Recent Theses Completed:

Kuntala Parama - Differences between monolingual and bilingual individuals on perceptions of code-switching: Is it linguistic incompetence or a unique cognitive ability? Thesis chair: David Kreiner

Heather Ventura - An analysis of role-play gaming habits in regard to escapism and need for cognition. Thesis chair: Ken Carter

Thursday Afternoon Research Talks (T.A.R.T.)
The Thursday Afternoon Research Talks are a good way for students who need research credit in General Psychology courses to earn credit. Oh yeah, they are also great way to learn about research!!

Here are the Fall 2014 scheduled dates:

September 4 Chase Tryon—When There is No Clock: Contextual Change in Relation to Time-Based Prospective Memory
September 18 TBD
October 2 Duane Lundervold—The relevance of principles of behavior to clinical psychology and counseling: Post traumatic stress disorder—A controlled case example
October 16 Teresa Rodgers—TBD
October 30 Chaelah Jenkins—TBD
November 13 TBD

All presentations will be 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Lovinger 1290

Check out the website below to see the topics and access videos to previous presentations!

Web site: http://www.ucmo.edu/psychology/news/talks.cfm
Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology. The UCM chapter of Psi Chi provides many opportunities for academic and professional development. Our chapter has been involved in a variety of service activities such as fundraising for local charities, sponsoring guest speakers, and offering workshops as well as individual tutoring for students in Psychology courses. Members of our chapter have also presented at regional and national conferences. Our continued success depends on having members who are motivated and energetic.

This year the Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference (November 14-15, 2014) will be held at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO. Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention (March 13-14, 2015) will be held at Friends University in Wichita KS. Also keep in mind that Psi Chi has a regional program, including awards for the best research, at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting, which will be in Chicago, April 30-May 2, 2015.

Psi Chi members are also eligible for a number of grants and awards. Students who are inducted pay dues only once and remain members for life. For more information on the benefits available to Psi Chi members, see www.psichi.org. We will notify students who meet the eligibility requirements early in the fall semester and invite them to join. There will also be an opportunity to be inducted in the spring semester. Check your student email account so that you don’t miss your invitation to join!

Faculty co-advisors for Psi Chi are Drs. Schuetz and Kreiner. Officers of the UCM chapter for the 2014-2015 school year are Brianna Dunwoody (President), Sarah LaPlante (Vice President), Natalie Singleton (Secretary), Haley Avey (Treasurer), and an opening for Historian. If you are interested please attend the meetings. Meetings are usually every other Monday, 12-12:50p.m. Watch the hallways for signs.

Psychology Club is open to any student who is interested in psychology. Psychology Club meets every other week. Membership dues are $5 per semester or $10 per academic year. Feel free to come to a meeting and learn more about the organization. You are welcome to join at any time throughout the school year.

Psychology Club stays active by participating in many events and fundraisers. Last year the organization participated in Homecoming, raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness, donated to the Survival House, decorated the Veteran’s Home for Christmas, and conducted a trash clean-up around the campus.

Psychology Club is devoted to providing psychology students with information and tips to promote academic success. The club strives to assist each member personally and answer all questions asked. The organization is highly involved with activities on campus and within the community.

If you have any questions about Psychology Club, feel free to contact the sponsor, Dr. Carter (kcarrier@ucmo.edu). Officers for 2014–15 are: President - Olivia Koerber; Vice-president - Ryan Conover; Treasurer - Tara Brown; Secretary - Miranda Maher; Historian - Nikole Wright.
Students wanting to present at any conference MUST have a faculty sponsor’s approval BEFORE submitting.

“The Association for Psychological Science’s Annual Convention brings together psychological researchers and academics for an exciting program that covers the entire spectrum of innovative research in psychological science.” - APS 2013 Program Guide

APS call for submissions usually being in October.

For more information on the APS Convention visit: http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/convention

Alumni Update: Brie (Whisler) Weaver

Brie earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a Master’s of Science in Psychology from the University of Central Missouri. Post graduation, Brie worked in residential as a Youth Specialist, and taught pre-school. She has also volunteered at various youth based organizations. Brie enjoys crafting, organizing, dancing, laughing and spending time with her family and friends.

She is currently employed with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central IL where she works in McLean County as a Case Manager and in DeWitt County as the Program Manager and assisting with events.

Seniors

Graduation: Apply for graduation once you have completed 90 credit hours.

Capstone Course: PSY 4110, Systems of Psychology is required to graduate.

ACAT:

Registration deadline: October 31, 2014  
Test Date: Thur. November 6th

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Location: HUM 216

Where do I register? Log on: MyCentral, Select tab: "Student Services". 
Scroll: "Testing Services Registration Calendar" 
Admissions: Bring a valid photo ID.

Senior Exit Surveys: Information will be provided in your capstone course. If you have questions, please contact: Dr. Kreiner Lov. 1111, kreiner@ucmo.edu.
PSYCHOLOGY BANQUET

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS: Dr. Vicki (Silvers) Gier

The 2014 Psychology Banquet was held on April 9th at the Elk’s Lodge. Over 70 students, faculty, alumni, emeriti faculty and guests attended. Each year, the Psychology Club, UCM chapter of Psi Chi, and the Department sponsors the banquet in order to honor psychology students and faculty for accomplishments made during the academic year. The ceremony also includes a State of the Department address, given by the department chair, Dr. David Kreiner.

Dr. Gier received both her B.S. at the University of Central Missouri (1995), and her M.S. in Experimental Psychology (1997). She then took one year of counseling psychology classes while teaching as an adjunct instructor at UCM. Dr. Gier was accepted into the Experimental Psychology program at the University of Nevada/Reno in 1998, working with Robert Solso, a renowned cognitive psychologist. She returned to UCM to teach as a visiting instructor in 2000 where she remained and finished her dissertation. She graduated in Aug 2003, and was hired as the Academic Coordinator for the McNair Scholars Program at UCM where she remained until Aug 2006 when she was hired as a visiting instructor at the University of West Florida. In 2007 she applied for a tenure track position at Mississippi State University where she is now an Associate Professor of Psychology. Dr. Gier has taught over 22 different psychology courses. She has an undergraduate research lab consisting of 10 students whom she includes as coauthors on publications and conference presentations. Dr. Gier’s research interests include face recognition of AMBER alert children, metacognition in relation to reading comprehension, inappropriate highlighting, as well as prospective person memory research.

2013 PSYCHOLOGY BANQUET AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty and Students
• Outstanding Undergraduate Student
  Rebecca Ruggles
• Outstanding Graduate Student
  Angel Munoz
• Outstanding Undergraduate Professors
  Dr. David Kreiner
  Dr. Steve Schuetz
• Outstanding Graduate Professor
  Dr. Ellie Hwang

Jerome M. Sattler Awards
• Best poster/paper presented at a conference
  Rebecca Ruggles
  Michelle Moore

Jeff Brown Leadership Awards
• Matthew Hutsell
• Rebecca Ruggles
• Michael Compton

Department Tuition Awards
• Sophomore Tuition Awards
  Jordan Phillips
  Cassie Dace
  Miranda Maher
• Junior Tuition Award
  Sarah LaPlante
  Nicole Conover
  Demie Derry
• Senior Tuition Awards
  John (Chase) Tryon
  Brianna Dunwoody

Arthur John TerKeurst Scholarship

Robert N. Higgins Scholarship

Joseph J. Ryan Scholarship

Adrionia Molder

CHST Outstanding Graduate Student

Isaac Flint
Faculty and Student Presentations


Faculty and/or Faculty/Student Publications


Kemp, A.D. (In press). The crystalized learning and academic study system: A cognitive-behavioral approach to studying and learning from matriculation to graduation. Journal of Instructional Psychology.


