**CHAIR’S CHAT**

The 2008-2009 academic year brings a number of changes to the department of psychology. Dr. Patrick Ament is on temporary assignment in Ghana, Africa where he is teaching psychology for the University of Legon. Dr. Ament tells us that enrollment in Physiological Psychology exceeds 600 students. This stands in marked contrast to the same class he usually teaches at UCM where enrollment is limited to 29 students. We wish Patrick well and look forward to hearing about his “Ghana” experiences when he returns to UCM for the 2009 Spring semester.

This Fall we have two new faculty members. Dr. Ken Carter is a tenure track assistant professor who is teaching Physiological Psychology and Research Design and Analysis. Dr. Carter was previously a faculty member at the University of Southern Indiana. Dr. Jared Bartels is a two year visiting assistant professor who is teaching Child Psychology, General Psychology, and Adolescent Psychology. Dr. Bartels was previously a teaching assistant at the University of Memphis. Both of these gentlemen will be selecting paid undergraduate research assistants for the Fall semester, with possible renewal in the Spring. If you want to get involved in research, build your vita, learn new skills, and earn a little extra money, get in touch with these faculty members.

Every psychology major should be aware of the fact that the department of psychology is part of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. The college dean is Dr. Gersham Nelson and the associate dean is Dr. Steven Boone. Their offices are located in Martin 124. The phone number of the Dean’s office professional is 660-543-4364. The academic advisor for psychology majors is Denton Humphrey whose office is also in Martin 124. His phone number is 660-543-4814.

The annual “Welcome Back Dinner” will be held at the White Rose Pavilion (107 Ming) on September 17, 2008 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. During the dinner, there will be a raffle to give away APA student memberships and other “goodies” that should be of interest to psychology majors. This is an opportunity for students to interact and network with faculty and graduate assistants. If you were able to secure one of the 50 free “Welcome Back Dinner” tickets from Tina during the first week of the semester, make sure you attend. If for any reason you will not be attending the dinner, return your ticket to Tina ASAP so it can be given to another student.

In closing, I want to point out that every psychology student is important. We want you to succeed in the major, develop your talents to the fullest, and enjoy your time at UCM. If you have any questions, are looking for a mentor, or wish to get involved in research, visit with individual faculty members and/or drop by the chair’s office. Finally, don’t overlook the many unique opportunities for professional advancement offered by the department such as tuition awards, Jerome. M. Sattler Research Awards, paid undergraduate research assistantships, and financial support to attend conventions. Consider joining the Psychology Club and, when appropriate, the National Honor society in Psychology (Psi Chi). You’ll be glad you did.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Important Dates**

**Welcome Back Dinner:**
- September 17th, 5:30-8:30 p.m., White Rose Pavilion

**Workshop: Thinking About Graduate School?**
- September 17th, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Elliot Union 238

**B.I.G. (Business, Industry & Govt.) Interview Day:**
- October 2nd, 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., Elliot Union 302

**Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference:**
- November 14th, See page 7 for more details

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

**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 is October 5th, test date is November 5th, if you cannot make it on this day there will be a testing fee.

**Graduation Interviews:**
- Information will be provided in your capstone course. If you have questions, please contact Brandon Henderson: Lov. 1013, bmh81880@ucmo.edu.
GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

The department currently has seven graduate assistants (office hours are in parenthesis):

Callie Brockman - Physiological Psychology - See Callie for questions about lab procedures and requirements - Lov 1011 (MW 9-10, TR 11-12)
Ryan Hinds - Individual Intelligence Testing - Lov 1011 (MW 11:15-12:15, TR 11-12)
Angela Reschke - General Psychology - See Angela with any questions about the general psychology course - Lov 1005 (M 2-4, R 2-4)
Brandon Henderson - Research Design and Analysis - Students from Dr. Marsh’s RDA class should see Brandon for questions about lab assignments and SPSS - Lov 1013 (MW 9-10)
Dennis Poepeal - Research Coordinator - See Dennis for questions about research requirements, space and scheduling - Lov 1013 (MW 9-10)
Christin Hobbs - Research Design and Analysis - Students from Dr. Kreiner and Dr. Carter’s RDA classes should see Christin for questions about lab assignments and SPSS - Lov 1005 (M 1-4, W 1-3)
James Townsend - Administrative Assistant - See James for questions about getting assigned to an advisor and information on department events - Lov 1013 (M 12-1, R 11:30-12:30)

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Students Recently Accepted to Graduate Programs for Fall 2008:

Doctoral Programs

Laura Glass – Roosevelt University – Clinical Psychology
Blair Durington – University of Missouri-Kansas City – Counseling Psychology
Sherri Cox – University of Missouri-Kansas City – Clinical Psychology
CariAnn Bergner – Iowa State University – Counseling Psychology
Daniel M. Turpin – Forest Institute of Professional Psychology – Clinical Psychology
Wanda Miller – Forest Institute of Professional Psychology – Clinical Psychology
Tricia Hager – University of Missouri-Kansas City – Counseling Psychology
Tracy Walters – Northern Illinois University – Developmental Psychology

Masters and Educational Specialist Programs

Daniele Hillard – Chicago School of Professional Psychology – Forensic Psychology
Nate Pauley – Eastern Illinois University – College Student Personnel Administration
Danica Wailes – Forrest Institute of Professional Psychology – Marriage and Family Therapy
Amanda Clay – Capella University of Minnesota – Clinical Psychology
Emily Mick – University of Oklahoma – Community Counseling
Christin Hobbs – University of Central Missouri – Community Counseling
Wava Morrow – Seton Hall University – Psychology
Amanda Killian – University of Central Missouri – Social Gerontology
Michaela Walsh – Chicago School of Professional Psychology – Clinical Psychology
Philip Berger – Missouri State University – Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Elizabeth Matthew – University of North Dakota – Counseling Psychology
Jennifer Collier – University of Missouri – Educational Specialist in School Psychology
Carrie Heinrich – University of Tulsa – Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Autum Martin – Florida Institute of Technology – Applied Behavioral Analysis
Angie Reschke – University of Central Missouri – General Psychology

Recent Theses Completed


Congratulations to...

Laura Glass received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science (CAHSS) and the prestigious UCM Reid Hemphill Outstanding Graduate Scholar Award.

Carrie Heinrich – University of Tulsa – Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Autum Martin – Florida Institute of Technology – Applied Behavioral Analysis
Angie Reschke – University of Central Missouri – General Psychology

Left: Laura accepting the Reid Hemphill Outstanding Graduate Scholar Award from the President of UCM.

Right: Ms. Glass with both of her awards.

Patricia Hager and Laura Glass were both featured in the CAHSS magazine Renaissance.

Blair Durington and Patricia Hager received first place in the Central Scholars Symposium for their poster presentation titled “Aging in a Rural Midwestern Community.”
**Psi Chi**

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology. The purpose of this organization is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of members and to advance the science of psychology. Qualified students are invited to join Psi Chi.

Undergraduate applicants must be enrolled at UCM, a declared major or minor in psychology, have completed 3 semesters of college coursework (with 9 hours in psychology), and rank in the upper 35% of their class with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Graduate student applicants are required to be enrolled in psychology at UCM and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all graduate courses. Applications may be obtained in the Psychology Office, Lovinger 1111, or by contacting the Psi Chi advisors, Drs. Schuetz and Kreiner. The organization has implemented a departmental tutoring program for students needing additional assistance in their psychology courses. Tutoring is available for any psychology course and it is free of charge to all students.

**Psychology Club**

Message from Psych Club President Ashley Williams:

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**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**

Fall 2008 Undergraduate Research Assistants

Jennifer Twigg: assistant to Dr. Marsh
Erica Johnson: assistant to Dr. Stark-Wroblewski
Renee Mohan: assistant to Dr. Kemp
Danielle Davis: assistant to Dr. Kreiner
Katherine Kenner: assistant to Dr. Lundervold

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**Sponsor:  Dr. Smith  
jsmith@ucmo.edu**

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**Drs. Carter, Schuetz and Bartels currently have openings for assistants**

If you are a junior or senior and are interested in a paid research assistantship, please contact the instructor you are wanting to work with. If the instructor decides to hire you, see Dr. Ryan in the Psychology Office, call him at 543-4185 or contact him via email at ryan@ucmo.edu. Research assistants are appointed on a semester to semester basis.

**PSYCHOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS AT CENTRAL**

**Psi Chi**

Web: www.psichi.org
Sponsor: Drs. Kreiner and Schuetz:
  kreiner@ucmo.edu;  schuetz@ucmo.edu

**Psychology Club**

Sponsor: Dr. Smith
  jsmith@ucmo.edu
NEW FACULTY PROFILE: DR. KEN CARTER

Dr. Ken Carter received his B.A. in Psychology from Rockhurst University in and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Kansas. His graduate training included emphases in human memory, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology. Dr. Carter’s teaching background includes courses in Psychology of Learning, Sensation and Perception, Cognitive Psychology, Physiological Psychology, Research Methods/Statistics, and History and Systems of Psychology at the University of Southern Indiana. At UCM, Dr. Carter will be teaching Physiological Psychology and Research Design and Analysis. Aside from his formal research program he has pursued an interest in human consciousness and has spoken on the topic in various lectures and taught a special topics course called Perception and Consciousness.

Dr. Carter’s primary training in research is in human semantic memory. This area of his research makes use of the South Florida Free Association Norms (Nelson, McEvoy, & Schreiber, 1998; Nelson, Schreiber & McEvoy, 1992) to explore how various variables such as semantic set size, context, and competition affect participant performance on memory related tasks. The focus of his dissertation was on empirical verification of semantic inhibition and demonstrated semantic inhibition without prior semantic activation. Other areas of direct research experience include judgments of learning, feeling of knowing judgments, semantic set size, eyewitness memory research, Stroop tasks, flanker paradigms, attentional blink and visual search paradigms.

More recently Dr. Carter has entered into collaborative research with Dr. Chris Bloom which is examining the “face in the crowd” effect. They are examining competing explanations related to the finding that angry faces are more easily detected and capture attention more effectively. Along with two undergraduate students they have developed new stimuli to explore the ecological validity of caricature faces and the apparent activation of a phylogenetic fear response to “angry” features.

NEW FACULTY PROFILE: DR. JARED BARTELS

Dr. Jared Bartels received his B.S. degree in psychology from Upper Iowa University, his M.S. in psychology from the University of Central Missouri, and his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Research from the University of Memphis. Dr. Bartels has been at the University of Memphis teaching courses within the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research for the past two years. He will be teaching Child Psychology, Psychology of Adolescence, and General Psychology this fall at UCM.

His dissertation work involved examining the relationship between the approach-avoidance motivation (need for achievement and fear of failure) of students, the academic goals they adopt, and the self-regulated learning strategies they use. The latter include the metacognitive, cognitive, and motivational regulation strategies that optimally self-regulated students routinely utilize. One of the primary goals of this work was to further address the academic consequences of fear of failure or avoidance motivation. Dr. Bartels’ work continues to focus on approach-avoidance motivation and how this motivation manifests in the classroom.

He is also currently collaborating with faculty at the University of Memphis on research regarding assessment and student engagement in technology-driven courses. Specifically, this research addresses the motivational and attitudinal effects of technology in the classroom and the effectiveness of technology at fostering the autonomy of the learner.

His other research interests include the psychometric properties of intelligence tests and neuropsychological assessment.
PSYCHOLOGY BANQUET

The 2008 Psychology Banquet was held on April 16th at the Legends restaurant on Pine Street. Over 100 students, faculty, alumni, emeriti faculty and guests attended. Each year, the Psychology Club and the UCM chapter of Psi Chi help sponsor 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. Joseph Ryan. This year, a new award for Outstanding Psychology Alumni was given to Dr. Jerry Morris who received his MS in psychology in 1977.

The Psychology Banquet is a great way for students to get to know their faculty and fellow students outside of the classroom. Start making your plans now for the upcoming 2009 banquet!

2008 PSYCHOLOGY BANQUET AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty and Students

• Outstanding Undergraduate Student
  Patricia Hager

• Outstanding Graduate Student
  CariAnn Bergner & Emily Mick

• Outstanding Undergraduate Professor
  Dr. Steve Schuetz

• Outstanding Graduate Professor
  Dr. Joseph Ryan

Jerome M. Sattler Awards

• Best research project completed as part of Undergraduate psychology course
  Sara Williams - Study Locations and Group Studying Behavior
  Amber Centunzi - Observing Study Habits of People in the UCM Union
  Janine Castillo - Science Interest and Spirituality

• Best Graduate Student Poster or Paper Presentation
  Laura Glass - Test-Retest Stability of the WISC-IV - Presented at the annual convention of the National Academy of Neuropsychology

Department Tuition Awards

• Sophomore Tuition Awards
  Evelyn Harvey

• Junior Tuition Award
  Laura Harrington
  Erica Johnson
  Danielle Davis
  Jackie Bhattacharai

• Senior Tuition Awards
  Jennifer Twigg
  Madalyn Schneider
  Michael Johnson
  Ashley Williams
  Janelle Harvey
  Jennifer Twigg
  Madalyn Schneider
  Michael Johnson
  Ashley Williams
  Janelle Harvey

Arthur John Ter Keurst Scholarship

Michael Johnson

Distinguished Student Writer

Heather Chaffin

Robert N. Higgins Scholarship

Janelle Harvey

Robert F. Ahlering Scholarship

Danielle Davis
A great way to get involved in the field of psychology is to become active in professional organizations. The UCM Psychology department was represented at the 116th annual Convention of the American Psychological Association (APA) by 3 faculty and 4 student co-authors. The convention was held in Boston from August 14th-17th.

The department was also represented at the 20th annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS). There were 4 faculty members and 5 student co-authors from UCM in attendance. The convention was held in Chicago from May 22nd-25th.

Students who are interested in participating in future conventions should start making plans immediately. Contact professors about potential research opportunities that may result in a presentation at a regional or national event. If you are presenting, the department will cover up to $300 and the Central Undergraduate Scholar Grant will cover up to $500 of expenses. Graduate students are also eligible for travel support. Talk to Tina Walker if you want more information.

The 2009 APA Convention will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on August 6th through the 9th. The 2009 APS convention will be held in San Francisco, CA on May 22nd through the 25th.

### APS PRESENTATIONS

**MAY 2008 - CHICAGO, IL**

- Effect and relation of instructional design and motivation on student learning outcomes. Lundervold, D. A.*, Ament, P. A.*, Santoyo, J., & Gouy, J.
- Correlation of self-handicapping behavior with depression in academic enrichment students. Miller, C. M. & Kreiner, D. S.*
- Memory of children’s faces by adults—Appearance does matter. Gier, V. S. & Kreiner, D. S.*
- Virtual reality cues for binge drinking in college students. Chapman, M. D., Ryan, J. J.*, Kreiner, D. S.*, & Stark-Wroblewski, K.*
- Personality types and perceived coercion in psychological research participation. Miller, W. E., Kreiner, D. S.*, Ryan, J. J.*, Smith, J. W.*

### APA PRESENTATIONS

**AUGUST 2008 - BOSTON, MA**

- Parallels between parent relationships and adult children’s romantic relationships. Hager, P. L., Stark-Wroblewski, K.*, Durington, B. E., & Kreiner, D. S.*
- Is participation in virtual office hours related to exam grades? Durington, B. E., Hager, P. L., Stark-Wroblewski, K.*, & Kreiner, & D. S.*
MISSOURI UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE

First held in November of 2005, the Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) provides an opportunity for students to showcase their research. This year the conference will be held on November 14th, 2008 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. The theme will be “Experiential Learning & Applied Knowledge.”

The guest speaker for this event will be Dr. Grady Bray. The following passage is a description of the speaker provided by the co-chairs of the event, Alisha Francis and Rebecca Hendrix:

“Dr. Grady Bray, a disaster psychologist, will deliver the keynote address entitled “The Trauma That Does Not Bleed.” Dr. Bray has provided assessment and training for the Executive Office of the President of the United States, is a frequent presenter for FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute, and frequently works with international response teams for private corporations and government agencies. Dr. Bray has also appeared as a subject matter expert on The Discovery Channel and The Learning Channel as well as being featured in a NBC Dateline segment. He worked the Oklahoma City bombing, the WTC attacks of September 11, the UN bombing in Baghdad, the Tsunami in Thailand and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.”

Any student who has conducted research is encouraged to apply to MUPC. This can include a project in Research Design and Analysis or independent study. With the hard part of data collection out of the way, this is a great way to gain experience presenting at a conference and it can strengthen your application for graduate school. Talk to a faculty member about submitting a paper. She or he may be very helpful and assist you in preparing a submission.

Students can register online at the MUPC website (see below). Early bird registration lasts until October 31st and is only $15, with the price going up to $18 after that date. The deadline for online registration is November 11th. Students can also register on site for a fee of $20. A continental breakfast and boxed lunch is included in the fee. Please see the MUPC website for more details!

http://www.nwmissouri.edu/dept/mupc/

FACULTY/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS


THE GREAT PLAINS STUDENTS’ PSYCHOLOGY CONVENTION

The 2008 Great Plains Conference was held on March 14th through the 15th at Emporia State University. The UCM psychology department had one student presenting, Angie Reschke. She was accompanied by Dr. Patricia Marsh and students Carmen Dotson and Tracy Adams. Her presentation, entitled “Application of WISC-IV short forms to primary school students,” won second place in the Undergraduate Empirical Poster Session. Angie would like to let other students know that although presenting can be a little nerve-racking, it is definitely worth it!

The upcoming 2009 conference will be held on March 13th and 14th at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Students are encouraged to discuss potential presentations with faculty members and begin making plans as soon as possible!

ADVISING PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Every junior and senior should/must sign up for a psychology faculty advisor. It is your responsibility to make appointments with your advisor. Advisors help students with scheduling, graduation and program requirements, and both short-term and long-term educational goals. Advisors can also help students with career exploration and networking within psychology and connect students to campus resources. Lastly, advisors can explain the process of enrolling in courses as well as adding or dropping classes.

Please contact James Townsend in Lovinger 1013 or at jmt27770@ucmo.edu to sign up for one of the following advisors:

Dr. Ryan  Dr. Smith  Dr. Kreiner  Dr. Schuetz
Dr. S-W  Dr. Kemp  Dr. Marsh  Dr. Lundervold
Dr. Ament will be available for advisement Spring 2009

ALUMNI UPDATE

Dr. Summer D. Ott

Alumna Summer Ott was the recipient of the 2008 University of Central Missouri Outstanding Recent Alumni Award. The award was conferred at the Spring ’08 commencement during which she gave a brief talk about her positive experiences at UCM. In 1999, Summer completed her BS and in 2001 she completed her MS, both in psychology. Since the completion of her degrees at UCM, she has had many notable accomplishments. Summer earned a doctoral degree in clinical psychology and completed a one-year predoctoral internship (Pittsburg, VA) and two-year postdoctoral fellowship (University of Pittsburg Medical Center) in sports neuropsychology. At present, she works as the clinical director of the newly established CHRISTUS St. John Sports Medicine Concussion Center in Nassaus Bay, TX. In addition to individualized concussion management, the center provides education on concussion prevention.

Dr. Billy Johnson

In 2007, alumnus Billy Johnson graduated with a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the Wright State University School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Johnson received the Omintha R. Petrie Award, which recognizes leadership and commitment to diversity causes. Currently, Billy is working at the University of California, San Diego in the Counseling and Psychological Services office. His clinical interests include multicultural counseling, culturally specific approaches to counseling, racial identity development, domestic violence and men’s issues.