DEPARTMENT NEWS

19TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Friday May 1
AD140 & 142
9:00am-4:30 pm

This conference is an important milestone in students’ academic careers and an excellent opportunity to share their research with a receptive audience.

All are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

Keith Dobson delivered the 2015 Lecture of a Lifetime on April 16 to a full house. For more information on the prestigious annual address please visit http://www.ucalgary.ca/utoday/issue/2015-04-17/2015-lecture-lifetime-shines-spotlight-depression-research

Congratulations to Candace Konnert and Susan Graham who were nominated for Graduate Students Association supervision awards.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY FOR THE CLASS OF 2015

The Department of Psychology is conducting a survey of student satisfaction. All psychology majors in the Class of 2015 are being contacted. If you are a psychology major and are graduating this June, please consider completing the survey.

Your feedback on the psychology program is very valuable to the Department. The information you provide will help us to improve the educational experience of psychology majors. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Note that your responses are completely confidential and your name will never be associated with any of your responses. Only aggregated data will be used for research purposes.

Students who complete the survey will be automatically entered into a draw for one of three $50 gift cards. To be eligible for one of these prizes, complete the survey before May 15.

The survey can be found here:
https://ucalgarypsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ahmATcJBVxShUsR

If you have already completed the survey we thank you for your assistance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Chris Sears: scars@ucalgary.ca
EVENTS

WINTER 2015 COGNITIVE SCIENCE SEMINAR:

The Cognitive Science Seminars (CSS) provide a friendly forum in which students and faculty can present and receive feedback on their research. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This will be a "brown bag" seminar series so feel free to bring (and eat!) your lunch. If you would like to be on the mailing list please email: alison.heard@ucalgary.ca

When & Where: Every Monday from 12-1pm in AD 248

April 27th:
Ellen Lloyd
Title: Near goggles: Do romantic partners seem more attractive as we approach them?

Rozee Pereverseff
Title: The Intersection of Attention and Memory In Depression: Validation of a New Attention-Memory Computerized Task

Nathan Rider
Title: Does Taking a Walk in Nature Enhance Memory for Word Lists?

Psychology Department TRIVIA NIGHT Report

On April 17, 2015, the Department of Psychology met for its first Trivia Night at the Den and Black Lounge. The big question was: Who knew the most about Psychology? A team of faculty members exclusively—say, Clinical Acumen, led by Dr. Keith Dobson? Or perhaps a team of students, such as Team Special Fortune—or alternatively, their rivals, Team Special Fortune Killers? Other teams took different strategies, joining faculty and student minds together, but all sought the most important prize of all: their team name recorded in the Psychology Department’s history!

3 hours, 3 rounds, 60 points. Countless drinks.

Who was CPA president in 1994?
What are Ainsworth’s four classifications of attachment patterns?
Which area of the brain is responsible for language production?
Which psychologist at the U of C introduced the sixth factor of personality, and for a bonus point, what is it?

The PGSA tallied each team’s points after every round, awarding the first, second, and third round winners with chocolate treats. The biggest prize came at the end however—an $85 gift certificate from the Den awarded to the team with the most amount of points in total.

And the winners were...

1st Place: Google Killed the Trivia Star
Zerry Belchev, Glen Bodner, Devan Caven, Mahbab Monabpour, David Sidhu, Sofia van Hees

2nd Place*: Team Special Fortune (TSF)
Cameron Clark, Jennifer Ferencz, Melanie Khoo, Leanne Qingley, Igor Yakovenko

3rd Place*: Multiple Scorpions
Carlos Castro, Brianna Collins, Dave Meyers, Jennifer Moore, Lorrie Radtke, Hank Stam

The PGSA thanks all who participated and helped make this event a huge success!
Thank you also to our sponsors: The Department of Psychology & Scotiabank

*TSF & Multiple Scorpions tied in their total number of points, but in a fierce overtime competition, TSF won the battle.
GRADUATE CORNER

APF/COGDOP GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY 2015

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) and the Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP) are jointly offering graduate research scholarships, including the $5,000 Harry and Miriam Levinson Scholarship, $5,000 William and Dorothy Bevan Scholarship, the $5,000 Charles and Carol Spielberger Scholarship, the $3,000 Ruth G. and Joseph D. Matarazzo Scholarship, the $2,000 Clarence J. Rosecrans Scholarship, and as well as a number of $1,000 scholarships, including the Peter and Malina James & Dr. Louis P. James Legacy Scholarship, the William C. Howell Scholarship and the Dr. Judy Kuriansky Scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist graduate students of psychology with research costs associated with the master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation. The American Psychological Association Science Directorate administers the granting of the scholarships. Graduate students enrolled in a doctoral program or an interim master’s programs are eligible to apply. If a student is currently enrolled in a terminal master’s program, the student must intend to enroll in a PhD program immediately following completion of the master’s program. Special attention will be given to applications from students who, at the time of application, are within the first two years of graduate study in psychology.

Each graduate department of psychology that is a member of COGDOP may submit nominations. The number of candidates that each member department is allowed to nominate depends upon the total number of students enrolled in the graduate program. Departments that have 100 or fewer students enrolled in their graduate programs may nominate one (1) candidate; departments that have 101-200 graduate students enrolled may nominate up to two (2) candidates; and departments that have more than 200 graduate students enrolled may nominate up to three (3) candidates. We encourage nominations of students who are enrolled in interim master’s programs. NOTE: nominees must be currently enrolled in the graduate program at the time grants are awarded.

Please find the application forms online: http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/cogdop.aspx

CALL FOR STUDENT RESEARCH POSTERS

The Psychologists’ Association of Alberta (PAA) invites all student members to enter their research contributions to psychology for PAA Connect 2015: Our Inaugural Forum for Learning, Connection, & Renewal.

Rather than a traditional poster, students are asked to showcase their research creatively via video (of less than 3 minutes). All videos submitted will be uploaded to the PAA website for viewing by PAA members and shown at the PAA Connect 2015 forum.

Criteria: The video should present your research in a highly understandable and compelling manner for psychologists across diverse specializations (think “elevator pitch”). Additional criteria for submitted video posters include:

- You are the principal researcher: The majority of the work has been completed by you, the student.
- Your research makes a notable contribution to the profession of psychology.

Submissions: Videos are to be uploaded to YouTube, using the private settings if desired. The deadline to submit the YouTube viewing link has been extended to April 30th. Links to be sent to: rose@psychologistsassocation.ab.ca

Eligibility: To be eligible, students must be members of PAA (yearly student membership is only $40).

Review: The PAA Awards Committee will review all poster presentations on both content (i.e., focus & relevance to the profession of psychology, etc.) and originality of the video before submitting the links to the PAA website, where our members will have the opportunity to vote on the most popular videos.

Student Research Award: Winners will receive a monetary award of $250.00 and free registration to the PAA Connect 2015 forum. The student who is the primary author of the presentation will receive the monetary award, however, this award can be shared by multiple students, in title.

Check out the website for information & award updates: http://www.psychologistsassociation.ab.ca/site/
EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS

The Addictive Behaviours Lab is currently seeking a research volunteer. Duties will include conducting telephone interviews, data entry. Further tasks may include literature search, materials preparation, as well as data organization and management. A flexible schedule with the ability to work on weekends and evenings would be best.

Ideal skills include:
- Attention to detail
- Reliability
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as SPSS

There are multiple research studies being conducted in Addictive Behaviours Lab that focus on problem gambling treatments and interventions. For more information about current research please visit our website: www.addiction.ucalgary.ca/. These studies provide an extensive range of activities that volunteers could be involved with.

Interested applicants can submit their CV via email to rsteadma@ucalgary.ca, attention Rodney Steadman or in person to A240.

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Department of Psychology, University of Calgary

Looking for two or three eager undergraduate students looking to gain summer research experience in psychology. Applicants should have an interest in conducting observational research in an operating room environment.

Students in a Bachelor of Psychology, or Bachelor of Health Sciences program would be ideal candidates.

Volunteers will observe surgical team coordination during procedures in an operating room environment.

Comfort with viewing surgical procedures is a requisite.

A minimum of 6-8 hours per week is required. Specific hours worked are flexible.

Interested applicants should include the following information in their application:
- Copy of your Resume/CV
- Copy of academic transcript.

Please provide a brief explanation in the body of the email articulating: areas of academic interest, future career/academic plans and any relevant prior research experience (e.g. conducting literature reviews, entering data, etc.)

Deadline: April 30, 2015, but applications will be reviewed in the order they are submitted and suitable candidates will be offered positions on a first come, first served basis.

Email applications to: al-noor.mawani@albertahealthservices.ca
FULL-TIME PSYCHOLOGIST POSITIONS

The Kelowna Psychology Group has been established in Kelowna and the Southern Interior since 1983. We set our sights on gold standards of care in assessment and treatment for all ages, with a goal to provide all types of psychological services. We have room for the right ambitious career psychologists to join our eight-person strong group. Our private practice provides a broad variety of clinical assessment and treatment services through KPG’s extensive community contacts.

We service adults and children, and meet forensic and neurological assessment requests. Our Group can support both general practitioners and those with specialized interests in forensics, child assessment (especially Educational and Autism Spectrum Disorder) and adult assessment, individual therapy for depression and anxiety, couples therapy, addictions, eating disorders, business consultation, employee assistance, rehabilitation, health issues and trauma work. We host development meetings for fellow psychologists and have a relationship with the local university.

The positions are open to Registered Psychologists or we can supervise recent graduates in the process of registering with CPBC. We provide support to co-author the practice of your dreams in a “turnkey” environment. Ours is a resource rich beautifully appointed office with assessment tools, support staff, and a fifteenth floor view of the Okanagan Lake. The Central Okanagan is a four season playground, while Kelowna specifically is a growing city with much to offer. A long term commitment in our community is required.

Please see our website: www.KelownaPsychologists.com
If you are interested, please send your resume to admin@kelownapsychologists.com or fax 1-250-762-7987 to Principal Psychologist: Dr. Heather McEachern

HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STUDY ON TRUST

The purpose of our study is to determine the relationship between trust and oxytocin (a brain peptide) in women.

In this study, participants will answer questions about their mood & a range of personality, cognitive & lifestyle factors, as well as provide blood and saliva samples.

We are looking for women between the age of 18-45 to participate in this research.

All inquiries and interviews will be private
You will be financially compensated for your time

For further information please contact 844-492-5229 (toll-free) and leave your contact information.

This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board
Ethics ID: REB14-0890
DEPRESSION RESEARCH LAB SEEKING VOLUNTEER/PSYC 499 RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The Depression Research Lab is looking for one or two volunteer research assistants to help with data collection for a study on how people with depression process emotional information.

Applicants should be reliable and committed, and have excellent attention to detail. We are looking for applicants with a strong academic record and an interest in research in clinical psychology. Prior research experience is not a requirement.

The time commitment is approximately 6 – 8 hours per week, although the specific days and hours will be flexible. We require a commitment of at least four months (until the end of August 2015), but preference will be given to applicants who may be able to continue in the position in the next academic year (2015-16).

Students may obtain course credit for this position through PSYC 499.

Interested applicants should e-mail lquigley@ucalgary.ca and include a copy of your CV/resume and academic transcript.

RESEARCH NOTES AND ACTIVITIES

Nicolas Roulin (P.I., University of Manitoba) and Joshua Bourdage (Co-Investigator) were recently awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant – “Differentiating honest and deceptive impression management tactics in employment interviews: Antecedents, mechanisms, and impacts” (2015-2020 - $159,360).


