

Graduate Program News

The two hundred active students in the graduate program continue to excel in research and teaching. Twenty students earned doctoral degrees during the past year. The 2007 cohort is made up of 41 students in Psychology, Combined Program in Education & Psychology, and the joint programs in Women's Studies, and Social Work. In Fall 2008, a group of 36 new students coming from Germany, Taiwan, Bulgaria, Canada, St. Lucia, China, and the United States will join the program.



Carmela Alcantara

Over a thousand Graduate Student Instructors teach LSA classes in any given semester, but only 20 of them received the **2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**. This year, three were from the Department of Psychology. Undergraduate students, graduate student colleagues, and faculty advisors nominated and wrote letters in support of **Carmela Alcantara** (Clinical), **Heather Fuller-Iglesias** (Developmental), and **Jennifer Yim** (Personality/Social Context & Women's Studies). They were honored at a ceremony at Rackham in April.

Hye In Chang was awarded the **Rackham Barbour Scholarship** for women of the highest academic and professional caliber from the area formerly known as the Orient to study modern science, medicine, mathematics and other academic disciplines and professions critical to the development of their native lands.



Heather Fuller-Iglesias

Khia Thomas received the 2008 **Pat Gurin Award** for her investigation of gender attitudes among African-American women. The **Pillsbury Graduate Research Award** recipients were Rita Chang, Nicola Curtin, Tiffany Griffin, and Katherine Sledge Moore. The **Daniel Katz Dissertation Fellowship** went to **Heather Fuller-Iglesias** for research related to work at the Institute for Social Research. Nine students are being supported by National Science Foundation Scholarships, and five students were awarded Rackham Predoctoral Fellowships.

The Association for Psychological Science recognized two graduate students this year during the opening ceremonies at the annual meeting in Chicago. **Julie L. Hall** received the Student Research Award and **Igor Grossman** received the RiSE-UP Research Award.



Jennifer Yim

The **Michigan Association of Psychology Scholars (MAPS)** is a network of graduate and undergraduate scholars dedicated to enhancing the educational experience by providing quality mentorship relationships. With 100 undergraduate and graduate members, MAPS has promoted a more personalized and guided academic experience for undergraduates. The group was nominated for this year's **Outstanding Student Organization Award**, and **Jennifer Yim**, a MAPS member, was recognized at the Michigan Leadership Awards ceremony in April with the **Tapestry Award** for her outstanding contribution to mentoring of undergraduate students.

MAPS is developing an alumni connection network to engage alumni in conversations with undergraduate students about the various paths available with a degree in psychology. Interested alumni should contact the group at mapssteering@umich.edu.

Michigan Association of Psychology Scholars

Undergraduate Program News

The Psychology Undergraduate Program continued to be tremendously busy and exciting during the 2007-08 academic year. We had over 2,000 declared concentrators at the end of Winter semester. In addition to formal course work, most of these students are active members of the department's community outreach programs or faculty research labs, as well as participants in educational forums organized by peer and student groups.



2008 Honors Award Winners (L-R) K. Kudyba, K. Grzadzinski, K. Garrison, C. Considine, L. Girz, P. Bissett, N. Hermann, J. Wong

Research played a focal role for the 62 Honors theses completed during the year. These students had an opportunity to present their research at department's third annual Undergraduate Research Forum, a conference-style poster session. The level of the work being done by these students continues to be of the highest order. Panels of judges interviewed the presenters and reviewed the posters before selecting the most outstanding work in several disciplines: **Sarah Williams** (Biopsychology), **John Wang** (Cognition and Perception), **Lisa Kowalko** (Clinical), **Lauren Szczurek** (Social/Personality and Social Context/Organizational), and **Korie Zink** (Developmental). These students and other students who completed senior research projects were honored along with award winners at the Department's Honors Ceremony on Friday, April 25th. The W. B. Pillsbury Award for outstanding research performance went to **Laura Girz** and **Patrick Bissett**.

Kristin Garrison was the recipient of the **Tanner Memorial Award**. She is a Psychology and Women's Studies double concentrator. She received the Tanner Memorial Award for her work in collaboration with Professor Colleen Seifert on a study of physician decision-making and reasoning in clinical medicine. The study investigates what is actually being measured in practical exams, which are widely used in medical education and licensing. Ultimately, Kristin plans to pursue a doctoral degree in clinical psychology.



Daniel Ehrmann won the **Anne Rudo Memorial Scholarship**. Daniel is a junior pre-medicine student who majors in psychology and minors in science, technology, and society. He currently works in Professor Patty Deldin's lab on projects ranging from the attention and memory of individuals with depression to the mental illnesses associated with sleep-disordered breathing.



3rd Annual Undergraduate Research Forum

We congratulate the 875 students who completed their undergraduate degrees with concentrations in Psychology, Neuroscience, or Brain, Behavior, & Cognitive Science.

Congratulations 2008 Graduates!

Faculty News



Professor Emeritus, **William "Bill" McKeachie** is the recipient of two highly prestigious awards. He is the recipient of the **James McKeen Cattell Fellow Award** for his lifetime of outstanding contributions to the area of applied psychological research, specifically his research on classroom learning and its application to the collegiate environment. He is also the recipient of the **APA Award for Distinguished Service to Psychological Science**. This award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to psychological science through their commitment to a culture of service.



The **2008 Rackham Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award** recipient is **Christopher Peterson**, Professor of Psychology & Area Chair of Clinical Psychology. This award honors a senior faculty who has consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements in the areas of scholarly research and/or creative endeavors, teaching and mentoring of students and junior faculty, service and a variety of other activities which have brought distinction to themselves and to the University of Michigan. Professor Peterson will receive his award at a ceremony to be held on October 8, 2008.



Brenda Volling, Professor of Psychology, is one of five recipients of the **Faculty Recognition Award**. It is given to those faculty who have demonstrated substantive contributions to the University through achievements in scholarly and/or creative endeavors; excellence as a teacher, adviser and mentor; and distinguished participation in service activities of the University. She was formally presented with this award in October 2007 at Rackham Assembly Hall.



The American Academy of Arts & Sciences elected five University of Michigan faculty this year as AAAS fellows. These individuals were elected for their significant contributions in scholarly and professional fields. **Susan Gelman**, Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor of Psychology, was one of the five chosen. Her research interests include relationships between language and thought, causal reasoning, cognitive development, language acquisition and inductive reasoning. The newly elected class will be ceremoniously inducted on October 11, 2008 in Cambridge, Mass.



The **2008 LSA Excellence in Education Award** is awarded to Associate Professor, **Edward Chang**. This award is based on a person's special contributions to the college's educational mission as well as excellence in teaching, curricular innovation and student supervision.



Jennifer Crocker, Professor of Psychology, is the winner of the **2008 Distinguished Service to SPSSI Award**. This award is presented to individuals whose enthusiasm, dedication and enduring commitment to SPSSI are remarkable.



The **2008 OVPR Research Faculty Recognition Award** will be received by **Vinay Parikh**, Assistant Research Scientist, during the Faculty Awards reception on October 8, 2008. Dr. Parikh conducts biopsychological research in Martin Sarter's laboratory.



David E. Meyer, Professor of Psychology, has been bestowed the honor of a **Collegiate Professor in the College of Literature, Sciences and Arts**. A Collegiate Professorship is one of the highest honors in the College and University.

Faculty News, continued

In Memoriam

William C. Morse (1915 - 2008)
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Erasmus L. Hoch (1914 - 2008)
Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Bettie Arthur (1924 - 2008)
Professor Emerita of Psychiatry
Professor Emerita of Psychology
Professor Emerita of Community Mental Health

Joseph Veroff (1930 - 2007)
Professor Emeritus of Psychology
Research Scientist Emeritus of ISR

Naomi Lohr (1935 - 2007)
Assistant Professor Emerita of Psychology & Psychiatry

Promotions



To Professor
Fiona Lee
Personality & Social Context



To Associate Professor with Tenure
Ramaswami Mahalingham
Social, Personality & Social Context

Retirement

Dr. Charles Behling
LEO Lecturer II, Psychology
Co Director of The Program on Intergroup Relations

Emerita & Emeritus

Gary M. Olson
Professor Emeritus of Information
Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Judith Spencer Olson
Professor Emerita of Information
Professor Emerita of Computer & Information Systems
Professor Emerita of Psychology

Welcome To Our New Faculty



Dr. Pamela Davis-Kean joins Developmental as an Assistant Professor, September 2008. She earned her B.A. in Psychology from Florida State University (1987), M.S. (1991) and Ph.D. (1996) from Vanderbilt University.



Dr. Stephen Garcia joins Social as an Assistant Professor, September 2008. He earned his B.A. from Stanford University (1995), M.A. (1999) and Ph.D. (2002) from Princeton University.



Dr. Brandon Aragona joins Biopsychology as an Assistant Professor, September 2008. He earned his B.A. in Psychology from West Virginia University (1999), M.S. (2001) and Ph.D. (2004) in Neuroscience from Florida State University.



Dr. Sari van Anders joins Biopsychology & Women's Studies as an Assistant Professor, September 2008. She earned her B.A. (2001) and M.A. (2003) from the University of Western Ontario and Ph.D. (2007) from Simon Fraser University.



Dr. Ethan Kross joins Social Psychology as an Assistant Professor, September 2008. He earned his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania (2001), M.A. (2004) and Ph.D. (2007) in Psychology from Columbia University.



Dr. Terri Conley joins Personality/Social Context & Women's Studies as an Assistant Professor, September 2008. She earned her B.A. (1993) from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, M.A. (1995) and Ph.D. (1999) from the University of California, Los Angeles.

UM Psychology Alumni 5th Annual Tailgate

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Indoor Track Building • 12:30PM - 3:00PM • UM vs ILL Kickoff 3:30PM

Please join our Department Chair, **Theresa Lee**, your fellow alumni and a special honoree, **Dr. Ellen Quart**, Director of the **Michigan Mentorship Program**. This coming year will mark the program's 15th anniversary. A reception will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008 at 2:30pm on the 3rd Floor Terrace of East Hall to recognize the tremendous efforts of Dr. Quart and the Michigan Mentorship Program. Do you have fond memories of mentoring Ann Arbor K-12 students? We'd love to hear them - please contact us below!

Psychology's tailgate is held in conjunction with the UM Alumni Association. All are welcome - you need not be a member of the Alumni Association.

Bring your appetite! All of your favorite football Saturday foods will be served. *Bring your family!* The kids can't possibly be bored with the many activities designed with them in mind. There will be an electronic gaming center, Michigan's award winning solar car as well as entertainment by the dance team and the Michigan Marching Band!

Bring your GO BLUE spirit! Or pick some up while your there! The Alumni Association will have an alumni store brimming with your favorite UM gear!

Tickets: \$25 Alumni Assoc members & non-members
\$15 Current students & children ages 5-12
FREE Children under 5

Please RSVP online by September 12th • www.lsa.umich.edu/psych • Tailgate '08 Info
Questions? Mentorship Memories? Email psych.alumni@umich.edu or phone (734) 764 7429

Alumni News



Ron Fisher (Ph.D. Social Psychology '72) is the new Director of the International Peace and Conflict Resolution Division in the School of International Service at American University in Washington, DC. Prior to his Directorship, Ron taught in the IPCR program for six years. He is also a Professor Emeritus at the University of Saskatchewan where he spent 25 years on faculty until retirement in 2000.



Drew Westen (Ph.D. Clinical Psychology) is currently a professor of Psychology at Emory University. He is not only a graduate from University of Michigan, he also taught here for six years. His most recent book, entitled "The Political Brain" is an investigation into how emotion plays a role in our decision making, particularly in relation to politics and voting. Learn more about Dr. Westen and his newest book by visiting www.thepoliticalbrain.com.

Dr. Stanton E. Samenow (Ph.D. '68) received his B.A. (cum laude) from Yale University in 1963 and his Ph.D. in Psychology from UM in 1968. Dr. Samenow, a renowned forensic psychologist and author has published a new book entitled "The Myth of the Out of Character Crime". The book discusses accounts of ordinary people who commit extraordinary crimes. This book is Dr. Samenow latest book in regards to criminal behavior, a main focus of his lifelong research. Learn more about him by visiting his website at www.samenow.com



Alumni Tailgate '07

Lasting memories were made by all including alumni, staff and students at the 2007 Psychology Alumni Tailgate. The day concluded with a big win by our Michigan Wolverines (48) over Purdue Boilermakers (21).

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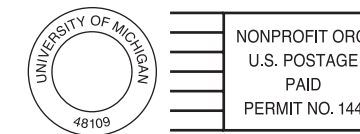
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Letter from the Department Chair



Terri Lee

As I write this, the annual Art Fair has just ended in Ann Arbor, an event that signals the seasonal shift to preparing for the new academic year. Before rushing into those preparations, it is good to spend a moment surveying the past year, assessing our situation. As you will see in the following pages, our successes are many. The department continues to be among the highest ranked Psychology Departments in the world because of our superior faculty (note the many awards), graduate students (also many awards), and undergraduates. The three undergraduate degree programs continue to attract superior students who have the opportunity to not only learn about the newest theories and data in an array of fields concerned with behavior, mental processes and brain function – but students continue to have extensive opportunities to work closely with faculty and graduate students on research projects and in community outreach programs. In the coming year we will celebrate the 15th anniversary of The Michigan Mentorship Program which combines learning about Psychological applications to the field of education and putting it into practice directly with academically-challenged students in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. We were delighted when LSA Student Government chose Psychology as the 2008 winner of the Departmental Excellence Award. Psychology has long been recognized

Letter from the Chair of Student Academic Affairs

In September 2008, the Graduate Office and the Undergraduate Office in the Department of Psychology were combined into one Office of Student Academic Affairs. I serve as faculty chair of this office, and Brian Wallace is the lead administrator. The eight staff members handle all matters pertaining to students as well as issues of curriculum, student advising, and communication within the department and with LSA and the Rackham Graduate School. The Undergraduate and the Graduate Committees remain in place, each with faculty, student and staff members.

The Office of Student Academic Affairs is located just off our beautiful Atrium on the first floor of East Hall. Both the SAA office and the atrium have become hubs of student social interaction and popular places for individual and group study.

I look forward to working with our students, staff, faculty and administrators as we explore diverse ways to make the workings of this new office effective in bringing the latest in teaching and learning to our department.

Theresa "Terri" M Lee
Chair, Department of Psychology

John W. Hagen
Chair, Student Academic Affairs