Congratulations to Mary Kuzmeniuk!

Mary has won the **2015 Awards of Excellence Leadership Award**! The award celebrates support staff members who lead effective, high morale teams to achieve results; who engage colleagues in ways that promote a common understanding of the team’s, unit’s and university’s mission and goals; and who inspire creative and collaborative work. That’s a lot of semicolons (exclamation points, too!), and Mary has achieved them all, in over 25 years of service, to our great benefit and with much thanks from the Department of Psychology. Way to go, Mary!

Award-Winning Teachers!

**Sarah Germain** has won the **Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award**.

**Sarah Germain** and **Evan Curtis** have won the **2015 Awards of Excellence for outstanding teaching assistants**, given by the **Canadian Council of Departments of Psychology**.

Hail and Farewell to the Chiefs

**Katelin Neufeld** and **Tamara Sucharyna** have reached the end of their term as **GASP co-presidents**. They have worked for the past 2 years to advocate for and represent the interests of graduate students at all levels of the university, and to create a unified, positive community among the Psychology graduate students. Events such as the Rapid Fire Research Colloquium, Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Student Advocacy and Human Rights Workshop, Games Night, and Movie Night have helped to turn their vision into reality. They thank the GASP executive and students, faculty, and staff for support of these events. Hail to the new chiefs of GASP, co-presidents **Chrissy Chubala** and **Joanna Bhaskaran**!

U of M Rocks the Canadian Psychological Association Convention in Ottawa!

**Rory Waisman**, Best Student Presentation Award, Brain and Cognitive Science Section

**Katelin Neufeld**, Brendan Gail Rule Award for best graduate presentation, Social/Personality Section

**Matthew Cook**, Kenneth Dion Award for best undergraduate presentation, Social/Personality Section
Elsevier’s Top 10 Most Talked About Articles in Social Psychology?

Erin Buckels’ article, “Trolls Just Want to Have Fun,” published in the September 2014 issue of Personality and Individual Differences, is #1! In Internet parlance, trolls are people who behave deceptively and disruptively online, so as to mock or manipulate other people, often without any further instrumental aim. Erin and coauthors Paul Trapnell (University of Winnipeg) and Del Paulhus (University of British Columbia) provided the first evidence of a personality profile underlying this behaviour: a nefarious stew of sadism, narcissism, Machiavellianism, and psychopathy, in which sadism showed the strongest association with trolling online. Elsevier counts features in news and blogs, and sharing on Twitter and Facebook during the past 6 months, to make its top ten most talked-about list.

The next issue of Head’s Up! will appear in the week of June 29, 2015. News to relate? Don’t hesitate! Send it to Sue at sue.law@umanitoba.ca

Did You Know?

The National Science Foundation’s Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences has just issued a report on best practices in science for the purpose of producing robust and reliable research findings.

More Conference News


Psychology researchers involved in studying water rights participated in the 2nd Annual Create H2O and Water Rights Conference, at the University of Manitoba. Read all about it, including work by Katherine Starzyk, Jacquie Vorauer, Danielle Gaucher, Katelin Neufeld, Matthew Quesnel, and Alexa Yakubovich.

“Tis the Season for Defenses!

Katherine Kenyon, M.A. Oral Proposal, “How Women in Domestic Violence Shelters Experience Empowerment,” Tuesday, June 9, 2:00 pm, P412 Duff Roblin


Debra Jolene Kinley, Ph.D. Thesis Defense, “Mood and Cognition in Context: Affect as Information for Perception and Memory,” Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 am, P412 Duff Roblin

Roxanne Boilly, M.A. Thesis Defense, “Emotional Intelligence in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” Thursday, June 18th, 11:00 am, P519 Duff Roblin Building

Lei Hu, Ph.D. Oral Proposal, “Training Chinese Tutors and Parents to Implement Preference Assessment Procedures and Discrete Trials Teaching,” Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 pm, P412 Duff Roblin

Karmen McDivitt, M.A. Thesis Proposal Defense, “Influence of Maternal Age on Infant Home Language Environment,” Wednesday, June 24th, 10:00 am, P412 Duff Roblin Building

Ivanna Lukie, M.A. Thesis Defense, “Cognitive Influences on an Emerging Mathematical Skill in Children,” Thursday, June 25th, 10:00 am, P519 Duff Roblin

Kristene Cheung, M.A. Thesis Defense, “Parental psychopathology in families of children with ADHD,” Thursday, June 25, 10:00 am, P412 Duff Roblin

Congratulations to Andrea Labossiere from the Psychological Service Centre for winning the Campus Beautification grand prize, tickets on WestJet Airlines!
Scenes from Dr. Murray Singer’s Retirement Reception, May 29, 2015, Pembina Hall