What did Andrew Hayes Say?

In the season opener of our Colloquium Series in Psychology, we welcomed one of the foremost quantitative psychologists working in the field today, Dr. Andrew Hayes from Ohio State University. Remember the Cognitive Revolution that took place beginning in the late 1950s in Psychology? It changed the basic model of human behaviour in the field, from one that recognized stimulus-response relationships, to one that recognized the mediating role of mental states and processes: stimulus-organism-response. But as long ago, and as fully, as that revolution took hold in our field, we have only just begun to develop trustworthy quantitative methods for testing mediational hypotheses. The bootstrap method finds 95% confidence intervals for an indirect/mediated effect by estimating the effect repeatedly in thousands of samples. These samples are formed by randomly selecting cases from the original population of study participants (up to the same number, with replacement). Dr. Hayes helped to develop and popularize this approach, and in his talk, he showed us new research suggesting that the bootstrap method is reliable with as few as 20 participants in the original study, even when outliers are present.

Whatever will we think about, if we no longer have to worry about small samples, outliers, and mediation? Maybe the next step in the cognitive revolution: A computational perspective on memory! Dr. Douglas Mewhort of Queen’s University gives the annual Zubek Lecture on this topic next Friday, October 2, at 3:00, in P412 Duff Roblin. Don’t miss it, or like Marty McFly, you could risk being stuck in the late 1950s forever.

A Big Year Ahead in Psychology!

Over the summer, The Canada Council for the Arts announced Dr. Reinhard Pekrun from the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität in Munich, as the 2015 winner of the prestigious John G. Diefenbaker Award. Under terms of this award, over the next year, he will stay as a visiting scholar in our department at the University of Manitoba, working closely with Dr. Ray Perry and other Canadian scholars to advance research on the role emotions play in learning, memory processes and cognitive performance. We are honoured to host the first Diefenbaker award recipient in the University of Manitoba’s history.

Dr. Pekrun is tentatively scheduled to give a colloquium address in January 2016. Here are some other exciting events we have planned:

Friday, October 16th
Dr. Gina Green (ABA International)
Colloquium in Applied Behaviour Analysis

Friday, November 13th
Dr. Alex Ophir (Cornell University)
Joint Colloquium with Biological Sciences

Friday, November 20th
Dr. Fons van de Vijver (Tilburg University)
Colloquium in Social Psychology
John G. Adair International Distinguished Lectureship

Friday, December 4th
Dr. Geoffrey Cohen (Stanford University)
Colloquium in Clinical Psychology

*** All talks start at 3:00 pm in P412 Duff Roblin
*** Refreshments and snacks will be served at 2:30 pm in P408 Duff Roblin
*** Wine and cheese will follow all talks

Everyone is welcome to attend!
**Rites of Summer**

**Simmi Mann** successfully defended her PhD thesis, “The Effects of Priming Representations of Close Relationship Partners on Self-Control Performance,” on Tuesday, August 4th.


**Rites of Fall**

**Debra Lall** defends her PhD Dissertation proposal, “Situating the Interpretive Child Between Authoritarian Parenting and Shame: Does a Greater Understanding of Others’ Thoughts Protect Against Shame Proneness?” on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 9:30 AM, in P412 Duff Roblin Building

**Chelsey Michalyshyn** defends her PhD Dissertation proposal, “Teaching Individuals to Conduct Paired-Stimulus Preference Assessments for Persons with Developmental Disabilities using Computer-Aided Instruction,” on Wednesday October 14, 2015, 10:00 AM

**Writes of Summer**


Congratulations to …

Diana Sader:  Psychology Alumni Faculty Scholarship

Stephanie Dudok: Mark Lewis Nozick Memorial Scholarship

Amy Brown, Lauren Kaminski, Karli Pedreira, and Jessica Summers: Shannon L. Hamm Memorial Scholarship

Katelin Neufeld:  Society for Personality and Social Psychology Travel Award to the SPSP Annual Convention in San Diego in January 2016

Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Award Winners …

Jiazhou Bi (Advisor: Dr. J. Li)
Laura Ceccarelli (Advisor: Dr. L. Jakobson)
Alexandra Haeska (Advisor: Dr. R. Perry)
Trinda Penniston (Advisor: Dr. M. Morry)
Rory Waisman (Advisor: Dr. J. Li)

Murray Singer and company:


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