Congratulations and Thanks!

Dr. Rayleen DeLuca, Dr. Cam-Loi Huynh, and Dr. Bruce Tefft retired at the end of December. Rayleen joined the department in 1987, Cam in 1986, and Bruce in 1975. Collectively, they have contributed 97 years of service as faculty members to the University of Manitoba (and Rayleen’s pre-professional contributions as a U of M graduate student take us over the century mark)!

Rayleen established herself as an expert in the study of child sexual abuse. Her volunteerism and community service have won major recognition, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, Order of Manitoba, University of Manitoba Outreach Award, and YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

Cam established himself as an expert in methodology, especially linear models, test reliability, and directional hypothesis tests. He has won the University of Manitoba Merit Award in Research, formed productive and long-lasting collaborative relationships with students and departmental colleagues, and provided core training in quantitative methods to undergraduate and graduate students in all of our programs.

Bruce established himself as an expert in community mental health, including as Associate Editor and Editorial Board Member of the Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health. He served 5 years as Head of the Department, and his roles in governmental and non-governmental community service organizations have led to major recognition, including the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal, Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Mental Health Association, and the Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Campbell Outreach Award of the University of Manitoba.

All three are beginning new appointments as Senior Scholars in 2016. We wish them well in their new roles, with thanks for their substantial contributions to teaching, research, supervision, and service through the years.
What did Fons Van de Vijver Say?

The growth of research in cross-cultural psychology has accelerated over the past 50 years, both overall and as a proportion of all publications in the field. What have been cross-cultural psychology’s contributions to mainstream psychology? Delivering the 2015 John G. Adair International Distinguished Lecture in Psychology, Dr. Fons Van de Vijver of Tilburg University took stock of 7 major areas of the field: clinical, cognitive, developmental, methodology, ethics, personality, and social psychology. His question was how common, in each of those mainstream areas, was “etic” research testing the generality of findings derived from mainly Western cultures, or “emic” research exploring other cultures from within, in order to discover psychological variation across the globe? Through many examples covering an extraordinary range of phenomena, he illustrated the complementarity of these approaches, growing interest in and integration of the cultural factor in mainstream understanding of psychology, and the potential for globalization of psychology as a field.

Huge Thanks!

Dr. Dan Perlman, former Professor of Psychology at the University of Manitoba and Chair of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, has made a generous donation to the Adair International Distinguished Lecture Fund. His contribution helps to ensure that we can continue to present these lectures by leading cross-cultural researchers from around the world in future years. The Psychology Department welcomes and sincerely appreciates your support through financial contributions to our distinguished lecture series, research and teaching colloquia, scholarship programs, and student awards. Please follow this link to read more about these opportunities for giving to Psychology at the University of Manitoba.

Next Up …

Dr. George Bednarczyk, winner of the 2015 Department of Psychology Teaching Award will present the annual Teaching Colloquium: “How much will this matter in 20 years?” Please join us, Friday, January 22, 2016 for refreshments at 2:30 p.m. in P408 Duff Roblin, the talk at 3:00 in P412 Duff Roblin, followed by wine and cheese.
To Infinity, And Beyond!

Randy Jamieson was part of a discussion at the Manitoba Museum Planetarium on memory as portrayed in a 3D science fiction movie titled *White Room: 02B3*

Clean Sweep at the Undergraduate Poster Competition

Congratulations to …

Jacquelyn Klassen, 1st place, with her poster “Vowel Discrimination in German/English and French/English Bilingual Infants.”

Tyler Eschenwecker, 2nd place, with his poster, “Effects of Knowledge and Perspective Taking on Reactions to Indian Residential Schools and its Survivors.”

Alumni Updates

Dr. Stacey Sasaki has accepted a position with Google in New York, in User Experience Research.

Dr. Kelley Robinson has accepted a position with Facebook in San Francisco, in User Experience Research.

News to Relate? Don’t hesitate!

For our next issue in February, send your updates to Sue Law at Sue.Law@umanitoba.ca.
Congratulations to …

Corey Mackenzie, 2014 Merit Award for Research.

Randall Jamieson, 2014 Merit Award for Service.

Mark Fry, Greg Tomy, Tammy Ivanco on their successful University Collaborative Research Program application on “Neurological effects of brominated flame retardants.”

Matthew Quesnel has won the Sir Gordon Wu Scholarship and the Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship.

Katherine Kenyon has won the Women’s Health Research Foundation of Canada Graduate Scholarship.

The Faculty of Arts provided Travel Awards to Jeremy Hamm, Alyse Newman, Patti Parker, Sarah Petty, Jonathan Berrington, Katelin Neufeld, Tamara Sucharyna, and Jessica Summers.

Bulletins

Ben Schellenberg writes:

There I was, reading the news on my IPad, when I came across an article about our (with Dan Bailis) polyamorous passion article:

Very cool!

Melanie Soderstrom writes:

... the Workshop on Extensive and Intensive Child Language Environments was a smashing success. We had a very enthusiastic set of attendees (about 60 all told in person from around Europe and North America, plus several others attending online), and there are already multiple offers to hold the "next" one.
In-pressive Research!


More Congratulations …

Douglas Alard-Tomalin successfully defended his dissertation, Numerical magnitude on the perception of time and intensity.


Karen Penner successfully defended her dissertation proposal on early predictors of preschool adjustment and attainment in children born very prematurely.

Clove Haviva successfully defended her dissertation proposal, Spiritual beliefs and practices compared to psychological strengths: Are they unique or overlapping predictors of health in inflammatory bowel disease?

Clinical Psychology Candidate-Presentations

Dr. Jennifer Trew (SFU): Social anxiety and the search for lasting love. January 18, 10:00, P412 Duff Roblin.

Michelle Gagnon (Regina): Pain communication in laboratory and health care settings. January 25, 10:00, P412 Duff Roblin.

Introducing New Graduate Students in 2015-16

Amy Brown received her honours degree in psychology from the University of Manitoba and is starting her Master’s degree in the area of Applied Behaviour Analysis with Dr. Toby Martin. Outside of school she likes to play sports, travel, and cook.

Teagan Bisbing joins our program from the University of Pennsylvania, where she worked in a cognitive neuroscience lab on decision-making and language difficulties in patients with dementia. She received her Master's degree from Villanova University in the area of comparative cognition, and previously worked as a zookeeper at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Here she will be working with Dr. Debbie Kelly studying social cognition in corvid species. She enjoys outdoor activities and watching animals do funny things on YouTube.

Stephanie Dudok is originally from Ontario and completed her undergraduate degree in Biopsychology at the University of Winnipeg. Before joining the Clinical Psychology program, Stephanie worked as a Senior Policy Analyst at the Manitoba Legislature, on portfolios including Health, Healthy Living, and Aboriginal Affairs. She enjoys long-distance open water swimming and training dogs.

Jonathan Berrington studied Psychology and Microbiology at the U of M for his honours degree, before joining our comprehensive Master’s program in School Psychology. His major hobbies are painting and ultimate frisbee. He teaches Sunday school and volunteers regularly at the humane society.

Sarah Petty graduated from the University of Winnipeg. Psychology was her second degree after completing the University of Winnipeg’s Theatre program. She joins our Clinical Psychology program as a member of Dr. Marian Morry’s Close Relationships Lab. Sarah’s two greatest loves are puppies and pizza.