“But those dreams have remained and they’ve turned around/Who’d have thought they’d lead ya, back here where we need ya!”*

After a storied career in university administration, twenty-some years in the making and all based here, Dr. Joanne Keselman has completed her term as Provost and Vice-President (Academic) of the University of Manitoba and returns to her home department of Psychology, where she received her doctorate in quantitative psychology in 1978. UMToday caught up with Joanne for a candid interview about some of her favourite moments from her times as Provost – and before that as Vice-President (Research), Associate Vice-President (Research), Associate Dean in Education, and even as a student. Meanwhile the tributes to Joanne’s outstanding leadership keep pouring in. From your intrepid Head’s Up! correspondent, Dan Bailis: After many years of knowing her, I unexpectedly learned the secret of Joanne’s success just the other day. I was heading out of the Active Living Centre, just finished my workout, and I passed Joanne and said “hi!” as she was heading in for hers. I went out through the turnstiles, walked briskly across the campus, and headed into a meeting. There at the head of the table was Joanne. Calm, cool, collected, smiling Joanne. It was only then that I realized Joanne can be in two places at once physically – although we’ve always known she was both 100% behind us and leading the way. Joanne, we welcome you back to Psychology with open arms!

*Source: John Sebastian, theme song from Welcome Back, Kotter.
Farewell, Maria ...

Dr. Maria Medved will be leaving our department and the University of Manitoba this summer, to accept a new position as Professor of Psychology at the American University of Paris. Maria has been an outstanding faculty member and colleague since she joined our department in 2005. Her work on traumatic injury and recovery has been supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. She has been recognized with the Faculty of Arts and Department of Psychology Awards for Excellence in Teaching, the American Psychological Association’s Ursula Gielen Global Psychology Book Award, and appointment as a Visiting Scholar in the Centre for Narrative Research at the University of East London, among other distinctions. Her outstanding contributions to research, teaching, clinical training, and service to the university and community both locally and abroad will be sorely missed. To be announced in a future edition of Head’s Up!, the department will hold a reception for Maria when she returns for a visit in the winter. Until then, we extend to Maria our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to all our Psychology graduates of 2016, and special congratulations as well to W. Ten Have Award winner, Ashley Olson, and Canadian Psychological Association Certificate of Excellence winners for their outstanding honours theses this year: Ashley Olson, Rob Dryden, and Alexis Unrau.
More Student Award Notices (Ya!)

Dawn MacGregor, University Gold Medal for highest standing in Arts.

Erin Minuk, Faculty of Arts medal for highest standing in the B.A. (Advanced) Program.

Tracy King, Faculty of Arts medal for highest standing in the B.A. (General) Program.

Master’s students Sarah Rigby, Matthew Quesnel, Morena Miljkovic, and doctoral students Christine Henriksen, Benjamin Schellenberg, and Douglas Alards-Tomalin, Canadian Psychological Association Certificates of Excellence for best theses of 2015

Evan Curtis has won the Canadian Council of Departments of Psychology Teaching Assistant Award for 2015-2016. Evan's teaching philosophy, nomination letters and testimonials from students provided clear evidence that he excelled in his role and provided dedicated, patient, and seemingly tireless guidance and assistance in PSYC 4520/7310 Computational Psychology, and the introductory statistics and research methods course sequence, PSYC 2250 and PSYC 2260.

Sarah Rigby, Michelle Fisher Award for highest standing in Clinical Neuropsychology (PSYC 8230) during the winter 2016 term.

Megan Siemens, Centre on Aging Esther and Samuel Milmot Scholarship.

Brooke Beattie, Teagan Bisbing, Alison Dyck, Debra Lall, and Sarah Petty, Faculty of Arts J. G. Fletcher Award

Huge thanks to the Faculty of Arts!

In March, the Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Conference Travel Awards program and Faculty of Arts Endowment Fund supported 35 students in Psychology to present at national and international conferences, and provided support for Dr. Johanna Vollhardt’s planned visit here from Clark University and upcoming colloquium presentation to our department in 2016-17.
Ed, Ego, and Superego

Hats off to Dr. Ed Johnson who – together with colleagues Catherine Costigan, Michael Ellery, Julie Gosselin, Susan Jerrott, and Johnson Li, and graduate students Lindsay Berard, Tara Conway, Melody Foot, Darren Neufeld, Karen O’Brien, Sophie Robitaille, Yunqiao Wang, and Lydia Worobec – has made a major showing of recent research activity and insights for professional practice from his lab at the recent Canadian Psychological Association conference in Victoria, BC, and at the World Conference on Personality in Buzios, Brazil.

Here is a sample of this active lab group’s presentations:

- **Pre-convention workshop** on “Building a culture of supervisory competence: How to develop, mentor, and support clinical supervisors.”


- **Multiple posters** on shame, self-criticism, obsessive passion, envy, narcissism, addiction, and self-compassion.

The next *Head’s Up!* will appear in August. Please send your news to Sue Law.
What Are Your Plans for the Summer?

Dr. Jessica Cameron looks forward to creating measures of self-esteem evaluation, self-esteem concealment, and expected rejection, thanks to the UM/SSHRC Research Grants Program and UM/SSHRC Travel Grants Program (to attend the upcoming International Association of Relationship Research Conference, in Toronto this July).

Dr. Debbie Kelly looks forward to examining effects of healthy aging on spatial abilities of mice during orientation, thanks to the University Research Grants Program.

Did you know …?

Self-perceptions have a way of writing themselves into the script of events taking place well outside individuals’ heads – such as their bodies, their future actions, the health care system, and even inside other people’s heads! Here is a sampling of recent publications and presentations by researchers in Psychology on this very foundation:


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**Summertime, and the Living Is Theses!**

Here is what has been (or will be) happening this summer in P412 Duff Roblin ...

**Brooke Beatie, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Thursday, July 14, 10:00 AM**
**Title:** Navigating Pathways to Care: Exploring Older Adults’ Experiences Seeking Psychological Care Using the Network Episode Model-II

**Joanna Bhaskaran, PhD thesis Oral Proposal, Thursday, July 7th at 1:00PM,**
**Title:** A Cross Sectional Examination of Risk Factors, Correlates and Outcomes of Sudden Death Bereavement in Students.

**Justine MacLean, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 10:30 AM**
**Title:** Expected Mindreading and Romantic Relationship Quality: The Role of Felt Misunderstanding and Attributions

**Megan Siemen, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal, Friday, June 24, 10:00 AM**
**Title:** The Effect of Aging on the Use of Featural and Geometric Cues During Reorientation in a Virtual Environment

**Katie Thom, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Monday, June 27, 10:00 AM**
**Title:** Stop. Breathe. Be. Improving Emotion Regulation and Socioemotional Wellbeing in Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder Using Mindfulness Training

**Margaret Penfold, PhD Thesis Oral Defense, Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 9:00 AM**
**Title:** Aboriginal Students in Health Education Programs: A Focus on Professional Identity Development

**Ashley Boris, PhD Thesis Oral Defense, Friday, June 17, 1:00 PM**
**Title:** Training ABA Service Providers to Conduct the Assessment of Basic Learning Abilities – Revised Using a Self-Instructional Manual and Video Modeling

**Karmen McDivitt, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Tuesday, June 28, 1:00 PM**
**Title:** Influence of Maternal Age on Infant Home Language Environment

**Jennifer Barnes, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Tuesday, June 28th, at 10:00am**
**Title:** Maternal Psychopathology and
Infant Attachment Security: A Meta-Analysis

Matthew Bernstein, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Thursday, June 23, 10:00 AM
Title: A randomized controlled trial evaluating the effects of a depression information decision aid

Lauren Kaminski, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal, Thursday, June 16 at 1:00 PM
Title: Evaluation of a Self-Instructional Package for Teaching Parents to Conduct Discrete-Trials Teaching with Children with Autism

Alyse Newman, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Thursday, June 16, 10:00 AM
Title: “How Do Reading Difficulties Predict Socio-Emotional Adjustment: Externalizing and Internalizing Patterns Depend on Age of Identification”

Jeremy Hamm, PhD Thesis Oral Defense, Tuesday, June 14, 2:00 PM
Title: Motivation-Focused Thinking: Sustaining Goal Striving and Well-Being for Young Adults Navigating a Challenging Life Course Transition

Michelle Wright, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, June 7, 9:30 AM
Title: “A Sickness with a Person in Tow”: The Experience of Healthcare for Adults with High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder

Damien Dowd, PhD Thesis Oral Proposal, June 9th at 12:00 PM
Title: Gambling in Young Adults – A Longitudinal Investigation of the Pathways Model Using the Manitoba Longitudinal Study of Young Adults (MLSYA)

Marta Krygier-Bartz, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Thursday, May 19, 1:00 PM
Title: “Verbal Irony Comprehension in Middle School Age Children and Adults in Polish and English Discourse”

Allison Dyck, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal, Wednesday, May 4th, 1:00 PM
Title: Brain Plasticity in a Rodent Model of Repeated Pediatric Concussion
Graduate Student Profiles

**Brenna Henrikson** is currently studying in the Clinical program at the U of M. She completed her honours thesis under the supervision of Dr. CT Yu, and is now pursuing her Master’s research in the Baby Language Lab, under the joint supervision of Dr. Melanie Soderstrom and Dr. Jennifer Theule. She loves drinking coffee and seeing what’s new and exciting around the city with friends.

**Kailey Peters** completed her honours degree in Psychology here at the U of M. She competed in cross-country and track for the University during those years and still enjoys the outdoors & being active. Her husband is also at the U of M completing his education degree.

**Lindsay Rosenberg** graduated in 2013 from the University of Winnipeg and joins our School Psychology Master’s thesis program. In her spare time she likes to go for walks and bicycle rides, and to the movies.

**Diana Sader** completed her B.A. (Honours) in Psychology at the University of Manitoba. She enjoys volunteering and being involved in research projects. In her spare time, she loves to travel and experiment in the kitchen.

**Scott Smith** received his B.A. (Honours) from the University of Winnipeg. He is currently pursuing an M.A. in School Psychology under the supervision of Dr. Janine Montgomery and Dr. Brenda Stoesz. His research examines how music, as an experimental stimulus, can influence facial emotion-processing in youth with autism spectrum disorder. He enjoys playing guitar and travelling.

**Jie Zhou** (no photo available) comes from China, and joins our School Psychology Master’s program. Eat well and stay active are her mottos, as both a pastry and fitness training fan.