Leaders in Their Field!

Dr. Randy Jamieson takes over as Editor-In-Chief for the Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology in January.

Dr. Jacquie Vorauer joins the team of new editors of the premier journal of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Review.

Dr. Ray Perry has been named a Fellow of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in 2017.

Dr. Jessica Cameron wins the 2017 Faculty of Arts Outstanding Professor Award for across-the-board excellence in research, teaching, and service. In connection with this award, Jessica will be giving a public lecture on Friday, November 17 at 3:00 in P412 Duff Roblin.

Dr. Launa Leboe-McGowan wins the 2017 Faculty of Arts Teaching Excellence Awards in the Probationary Faculty category.

Congratulations to 2016 Merit Award winners in Psychology: Dr. Judy Chipperfield (left, for Research), Dr. Corey Mackenzie (right, for Research/Teaching/Service), and Dr. Launa Leboe-McGowan (above, for Teaching/Service).
Translational Research!

Though we poke at them continually, not all of us are thrilled with the changes that touchscreens have brought to our life. But the marvelous thing about science is serendipity – finding new and previously unimagined uses for technology that allow us to make new discoveries in turn. You could not ask for a more potent and exciting example than Dr. Timothy Bussey, Western Research Chair and Director of the Translational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab at Western University, provided us recently in delivering the 2017 Zubek Lecture in Psychology. The beauty of touchscreens, to Dr. Bussey, is that mice and rats can use them in nearly the same way as humans do to respond to visual stimuli in cognitive tasks. Gone is the language and instrumentation barrier to understanding, comparatively, how their processes and ours of attention and memory work: The control condition alone is exciting and full of potential for improved testing of animal participants with a minimum of human handling and stress. But Dr. Bussey’s research goes much further in understanding how the same genetic mutations and drug treatments that are relevant to human neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disease affect rodents’ performance on these cognitive tasks. Indeed, with the parallel development and combined use of Dr. Bussey’s approach and new technology to manipulate and record activity in specific neurons, using light, we may be closer than ever to witnessing thought and how it degrades in the context of disease. Psychology talks are fascinating! And if you are now wondering how human groups can seem so different from one another, while at the same time being so similar as to compare with mice, then come to our next colloquium in November, when Dr. Colleen Ward (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), an internationally renowned researcher on cross-cultural psychology and acculturation, delivers the 2017 John G. Adair International Distinguished Lecture in Psychology. Everyone is welcome – inspiration guaranteed!
Yet More Staff and Student Awards!

Sue Law applied successfully for and recently completed the Support Staff Endowment Fund – Learning Exchange Program in November. With the aid of this program she traveled to the University of Ottawa’s School of Psychology (54 Professors strong!) within their Faculty of Social Science, and worked with her counterpart there to bring back many useful insights for the organization and running of our department. Congratulations and thanks, Sue!

Mary Kuzmeniuk is recognized for her 35 years of service to the University of Manitoba!


The Faculty of Arts supports student awards in many areas where Psychology students have excelled this year! Of special note, Chad Graves has won the Faculty of Arts Teaching Excellence Award in the Graduate Student category. Scott Smith has won the 2016/17 Raymond F. Currie Graduate Fellowship for his work on persons with disabilities. Michelle Paluszek has won the Faculty of Arts medal at Convocation for highest standing in the Honours Degree program.

Psychology also offers several scholarships through endowment funds and congratulates the following winners of each one: Michelle Ward for the Mark Lewis Memorial Scholarship, Jordana Sommer for the Psychology Alumni Faculty Scholarship, and Brittany Cook, Jessica Duris, Brennan Foidart, Daniel Foidart, and Karli Rapinda for the Shannon L. Hamm Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations to the following Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience awardees: Lindsay Bristow (working with Dr. Matt Keough), Tyler Kempe (working with Dr. Ray Perry), and Roman Beleny (working with Dr. Jonathan Marotta).
**What’s New in Research and Scholarship? Glad You Asked!**

| With support from the Manitoba Gambling Research Program, Dr. Jacquie Vorauer begins a new project examining social factors that bear on individuals’ ability to engage in effective self-regulation in gambling. Specifically, she will be examining factors related to empathic accuracy by close others, in identifying the player’s problem gambling propensities, and also whether being the target of empathy helps or hurts the player’s ability to self-regulate in gambling games. Jacquie recently took part as an invited speaker in the Empathy Neuroscience Conference in Rome, which focused on the role of empathy in international conflict resolution, particularly in the Israel-Palestine conflict. |
| And check out these 2017 publication notices from |
| ... Dr. Doug Alards-Tomalin |
| ... Dr. Randy Jamieson/The Cognitive Science Laboratory |
| ... Dr. Judy Chipperfield/Laboratory for Aging and Health |
| Chipperfield, J. G. (2017). The Aging in Manitoba (AIM) project: 45 years later. *Archives of the Canadian Association on Gerontology*, Trent University, Peterborough, ON. |

**We’re hiring!**

Please stay tuned for abstracts announcing 2 upcoming job talks for the position of Assistant Professor in Clinical & School Psychology. **Mark your calendars now** for Monday, November 27 at 10:00 AM, and Wednesday, November 29 at 9:00 AM, in P412 Duff Roblin.
Media and Outreach

Dr. Hal Wallbridge was invited by the Canadian Psychological Association to serve as a peer review team member for accreditation of a Clinical Psychology residency program.

Katelin Neufeld, Ph.D. candidate in Social and Personality Psychology, has a Viewpoint feature on Measuring (and Increasing) Political Solidarity in the Summer 2017 edition of University of Manitoba ResearchLIFE.

UMToday Magazine ran a feature article on The Social Experiment, which included commentary by Dr. Dan Bailis and Dr. Jessica Cameron.

Special thanks are extended to Marcello Nesca and Mercedes Cesar for representing the Department of Psychology at the Evening of Excellence on October 24, 2017.

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**Wednesday Writing Workgroup**

- A Standing Date for Working Together
- Accountability
- Room Booked from 10-2
- p443
- Drop in
- Trade Papers

*It Can Work Here ... and So Can You!*

GASP Co-Presidents Alison Dyck and Justine MacLean have set up a Wednesday Writing Workgroup to discuss weekly, monthly, and term goals; celebrate all task completion; ask for advice; work (mostly) silently together in a nice space; share snacks and tea. Graduate students welcome!

MaPS4MentalHealth is a student-led volunteer group developed by Co-Founders Karmen McDivitt and Caitlin Blaine to help improve patient care within psychiatric facilities at Lewanika General Hospital (LGH) in Mongu, Zambia. This year they collected and distributed clothing donations and hygiene supplies to patients, they fundraised $1,350 for patient rehabilitation and community living, and patient-comfort and security items on the wards, based on staff-identified needs.
Celebrating the First 100 days – New Graduate Students in Psychology

Brittany Cook - I am from Winnipeg, and I recently completed my B.Sc. (hons.) in Biopsychology from the University of Winnipeg. My co-advisors are Dr. Pear and Dr. Yu who will be advising me during my MA in the area of Applied Behavioural Analysis. For my thesis I plan to investigate fishes’ ability to learn by different reinforcement schedules, and to compare these abilities to those of mammals and birds. I enjoy coaching regionally and provincially for Special Olympics Manitoba.

Jessica Duris - I am originally from Chetwynd, a small northern town in British Columbia. I completed my Undergraduate Degree at the University of Northern British Columbia, and my advisor at the University of Manitoba is Dr. Toby Martin. I will be working in the area of Applied Behaviour Analysis. I enjoy painting, hiking, fishing, and playing board games and volleyball.

Brennan Foidart - I am from Killarney, Manitoba, and just completed my Honours degree at the U of M. My M.A. advisor is Dr. C.T. (Dickie) Yu. My Honours thesis tested a web-based program to teach caregivers of children with developmental disabilities skills related to toilet-training. In my M.A. thesis, I am hoping to study the uses of sign language as a method for non-verbal individuals to communicate wants and needs to caregivers. I enjoy watching and playing basketball, hockey and golf, also camping and exploring the city and surrounding area.

Daniel Foidart - I was born and raised in Winnipeg. I began my undergraduate degree at College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface and completed it at the University of Manitoba. I am currently working at St.Amant in Clinical Services Psychology and am beginning to work with the Jordan’s Principle initiative, which will involve providing services to Indigenous communities in Manitoba. My advisor is Dr. Toby Martin, and we’ve recently been discussing research on providing behavioural interventions to Indigenous/rural communities. I like playing almost all sports, and playing and listening to music.

Maria Pongoski - I am from Winnipeg. I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the University of Manitoba and last year finished my pre-MA. I will be starting my MA under the co-supervision of Dr. Genevieve Roy-Wsiaki and Dr. C.T. Yu this year. My research focus will involve teaching skills to children of various skill levels, with ASD. I enjoy the ballet and local cultural events.

Hana Abbas - I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto in neuroscience and cognitive psychology, where I studied object recognition. I moved to Winnipeg to work with Dr. Jonathan Marotta on visuomotor control. I volunteer by making friendly calls to isolated senior citizens, and I enjoy taking in local sights, trying new coffee places, and baking bread.
Bradley Smith - I was raised in small town, Magrath, south of Lethbridge, Alberta. I completed a degree in Applied Statistics (concentrating in Psychology) from the University of Lethbridge, examining subjective judgements of randomness. I plan to study learning with computational methods, with my M.A. advisor, Dr. Randy Jamieson. I enjoy sports like soccer, baseball, climbing, and racquetball, and spending time with my wife, Ashley.

Kelly Thiessen - I am from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and I did my Bachelor of Arts at the University of Manitoba. Currently, I am doing my Master’s degree under Dr. Launa Leboe-McGowan in Brain and Cognitive Sciences. The focus of my thesis is earwitness testimony and the factors that influence earwitness confidence. I enjoy board games and travelling.

Viktoriya Vasylkiv – I am from Winnipeg and completed my Undergraduate degree here at U of M. For my honours thesis, I investigated whether dogs became stressed from being hugged by humans. My M.A. advisor is Dr. Jason Leboe-McGowan, and I will be studying how to present scientific data in a visually effective manner that leads to correct interpretation. I like to read, spend time outside with my dogs, and I am learning how to play the ukulele.

Rebecca Younk - I am from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and I received my undergraduate degree from Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I am working under Dr. Tammy Ivanco to conduct research regarding endocrine effects on brain plasticity. I enjoy fishing, camping, and knitting, among other things.

Elena Bilevicius - I am originally from Kelowna, BC, but have spent my whole life in Winnipeg. I completed my Honours degree in Psychology here at University of Manitoba, and my Master of Science in the Max Rady College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. My M.Sc. research examined the resting-state neural correlates of mindfulness. I am co-supervised now by Drs. Ed Johnson and Matt Keough, and we intend to examine self-compassion in people with addictions. I supervise the charity organization, Manitoba SwimAbility, where we offer affordable one-on-one swimming lessons to children with special needs. I also love travelling and spending time at the lake.

Dylan Davidson - I received my Bachelor of Applied Arts in Psychology (Hons.) degree from Kwantlen Polytechnic University, in British Columbia. My Honours Thesis investigated attitudes towards a physician-assisted dying right for those with severe mental illness, in the context of ongoing developments in Canadian federal assisted-dying legislation. Under the supervision of Dr. Kristin Reynolds, I plan to evaluate mental health literacy among new and expecting parents, as well as caregiver factors that may impact their mental health literacy. I am learning to use music creation/editing software, I enjoy hiking, and having recently moved to Winnipeg, I look forward to seeing what the big deal is with the Forks - likely embarrassing myself skating, and generally exploring what Winnipeg has to offer.
Aleah Fontaine - I was born in Winnipeg and completed my undergraduate degree here, at the University of Manitoba. My advisor is Dr. Katherine Starzyk, and I will be starting the clinical training program. I am interested in understanding the relationship between perceptions of reconciliation progress with Indigenous peoples in Canada and psychological well-being, and how different types of reconciliation efforts affect perceptions of progress. I like to read, bead, bake, and nap.

Jona Frohlich - I was born and raised in Winnipeg and completed my undergraduate degree here at the U of M. I went to Edmonton for my Master’s, and I am now back to do my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. With Dr. Matt Keough as my advisor, my research will focus on developing an online intervention for people who suffer from problem gambling and substance abuse. I love to travel, run, and spend time at the lake.

Karli Rapinda – I was raised on the Winnipeg River, in Kenora, Ontario. I completed my undergraduate degree at Thompson Rivers University, in Kamloops, BC. With my M.A. advisor, Dr. Matthew Keough, I am intending to study the relationships between impulse control, substance abuse, and criminal offence cycles, in order to improve inmate treatment programs and prevent relapse and re-offence. I previously volunteered at the Kamloops Regional Correctional Facility as a facilitator for a cognitive behavioural treatment program. I enjoy exploring the great outdoors with my dog, cooking, baking, reading, and playing old-school video games.

Jordana Sommer - I have lived in Winnipeg my entire life. I completed my undergraduate degree at U of M. My graduate co-supervisors are Dr. Renée El-Gabalawy and Dr. Kristin Reynolds. My thesis will focus on understanding predictors and outcomes of perioperative dissociation. I enjoy spending time with my puppy and baking.

Chantal Van Landeghem – I am from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia. My advisors are Dr. Lorna Jakobson and Dr. Adrienne Leslie-Toogood. I’m interested in conducting research in the area of sport psychology, and specifically, how parental communication styles affect adolescent enjoyment and results in sport. I swim for Canada’s National Team and am a motivational speaker for athletes throughout the community.

Michelle Ward – I grew up in St. Andrews, Manitoba. I completed my Honours degree and Master’s degree in School Psychology at the University of Manitoba. My Master’s research with Dr. Janine Montgomery explored the social and emotional relationships of adolescent girls with ASD. I am completing my Ph.D. with Dr. Jennifer Theule. I enjoy painting, baking, binge-watching tv, and I also train/coach and have my black belt in judo.

Belal Zia - I was born and raised in Mississauga, Ontario. I completed my B.Sc. (honours spec. psychology) from Western University in London, Ontario. I worked as a research assistant on a Movember-funded suicide-reduction project, which focused on developing, evaluating, and disseminating Meaning-Centred Men's groups for men transitioning from work to retirement. I will be supervised by Dr. Corey Mackenzie and am now interested in researching patterns in mental health service use in older adults, in ethnic populations.
Kelsey Aberdeen - I’m originally from Portage la Prairie but have lived in Winnipeg for the last 5 years during my undergraduate studies at the University of Manitoba. My honours thesis under the supervision of Dr. Jen Theule presented a meta-analysis of the relationship between child ADHD and maternal depression. I’m now pursuing my Master’s in the School Psychology comprehensive stream. I play on a ringette team and volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Rebecca Madziak - I am from Winnipeg Manitoba, and I did my undergraduate degree at the University of Manitoba. I am currently enrolled in the three year thesis-based School Psychology program under the supervision of Dr. Kruk. My thesis aims to evaluate differences in typical and dyslexic readers' morphological awareness. I love gardening, camping and hiking, and reading Harry Potter.

Jake Matheson - I grew up rurally in Alberta and moved to Winnipeg shortly after high school. I completed my undergraduate honours degree at the University of Manitoba, working with Dr. Kruk to examine visual discrimination processes and word-decoding. I am very excited to begin my Master’s program in the School Psychology comprehensive stream. I volunteer by facilitating workshops for the Bringing in the Bystander initiative, and I enjoy spending time with my husband and our cat, playing floor hockey and attempting to learn piano!

Ashley Swiergosz - I am from Winnipeg, and I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Winnipeg. I am pursuing my Master’s degree in the School Psychology comprehensive stream. I like biking and taking my dogs to the dog park.

Jared Williamson - I am From Selkirk, MB, graduated from the U of Manitoba, and completed my honours thesis under the supervision of Dr. C. T. Yu on developing a self-instructional manual to assess problem behaviours using functional analysis. I am currently enrolled in the School Psychology comprehensive stream of the Master’s program. I enjoy weight training, running, baseball, hockey, and golf. In spring/summers, I have worked as an Educational Assistant, instruct the Youth-at-Risk Fishing Program for the City of Winnipeg, and volunteer at Centennial School in Selkirk, MB as an after-school physical activity instructor. In fall/winters, I have been an instructor for the City of Selkirk’s Advanced Power Skating Program.

Kirby Magid – I am from Dallas, Texas and completed my undergraduate degree in Charleston, South Carolina, at the College of Charleston. My M.A. advisor is Dr. Jessica Cameron, and my research interests include close relationships, self-concept and self-evaluative processes, and psychological and physical aggression within interpersonal relationships. I enjoy yoga, running, hiking, and traveling!
Maria Rodrigo-Tamarit - I am from Spain, did my undergraduate degree at University of Valencia, and studied one year at University of Nottingham. I am working with Prof. Murray Singer and my intended project is about reading comprehension, validation and human memory. My hobbies are reading, dancing, travelling, and I have been involved in some volunteer activities.

A Winning Hand for Psychology – 21 Thesis/Proposal Defenses Since July!

Morena Miljkovic, PhD Thesis Oral Proposal
Friday, November 3, 2017, at 1:00 pm
“Comparison of high- and low-preference items to teach children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to mand for information using ‘Where’ and ‘Who’”

Sophie Robitaille, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
Monday, November 6th, 10:00 am
“Effects of a Mindfulness-Based Training Program on Behaviour Intervention Procedural Fidelity”

Yongtian Cheng, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
November 10, 2017, 2:00 pm
“Evaluating the Usage of Capture Procedure in a Replication Study in Psychological Science, A Monte Carlo Simulation”

Deborah Hatton, IIS Ph.D. Dissertation Oral Proposal
Monday, October 23rd, 10:00 am
“Effects of Video Modeling and Embedded Instructions to Teach Preference Assessment Procedures: A Comparison”

Kelly Thiessen, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
Tuesday, October 11th, 2:00 pm
“Factors That Influence Earwitness Confidence”

Chad Graves, Doctoral Thesis Defense
Wednesday, October 4th, 1:00 pm
“Problem Gambling: The Impact of Personality on Gambling”

Ley Fraser, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
Monday, September 25, 2017, 10:30 am
“Biculturalism and Political Solidarity”

Kevin Kristjanson, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
Tuesday, September 12, 2:00 pm
“Dispositional Mindfulness as a Correlate with Stress, Rate of Recovery, and Performance in Sport”
Brooke Beatie, Ph.D. Dissertation Oral Proposal
Friday, September 8th, 9:00 am
“Support Needs of Family Members and Friends Providing Care for People with MCI: Examining Caregiver Identity Development and Mental Health”

Tracie Parkinson, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
Wednesday September 13th, 10:00 am
“Resting State Network Functional Connectivity and the Five-Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire (FFMQ)”

Caitlin Blaney, Ph.D. Dissertation Oral Proposal
Wednesday, September 6th, 10:30 am
“Investigating the Association Between Anxiety and Disease Status in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis”

Carly Cressman, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
August 29th, 2017, 10:00 am
“Effects of Early Intervention on ABLA-R Scores in Children with ASD”

Karen Penner, Doctoral Thesis Defense
Tuesday, August 22nd, 10:30 am
“In-Sync and On-Track: Self-Regulation in Preschoolers Born Very/Extremely Prematurely”

Sarah Petty, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense
August 18th, 2017, 1:30 pm
“The Association of High Social Anxiety and Perceived Responsiveness with Self-Disclosure”

Michelle Choch, Doctoral Thesis Defense
Tuesday, August 15th, 2:00 pm
“Conceptualizing Postpartum Depression: Examining Cognitive Styles, Perceptions of Loss, and Relationship Maladjustment to Test the Distinction Hypothesis”

Christine Chubala, Doctoral Thesis Defense
Thursday, August 10th, 1:00 pm
“Scaling Function Learning from Individuals to Groups”

Brenna Henrikson, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense
Wednesday, August 9th at 10:00 am
“Maturation and Experience in Preterm Speech Perception”

Lei Hu, Doctoral Thesis Defense
Tuesday, August 8th, 9:00 am
“Training Tutors and Parents in China to Implement Preference Assessment Procedures and Discrete Trials Teaching”

Matthew Cook, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal
Tuesday, July 25th at 1:00 pm
“The Mathematics of Clinical Diagnosis”
Karen O'Brien, Doctoral Thesis Defense
Tuesday, July 18th at 1:00 pm
“Self-Affirmation and Social Anxiety: Affirming Values Reduces Anxiety and Avoidance”

Michelle Ward, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense
Monday, July 17th at 9:30 am