Manitoba Association for Behaviour Analysis hosted its 9th annual conference at the University of Manitoba, October 2, in Marshall McLuhan Hall, with many excellent presentations by current and former Psychology students and faculty including:

**Presidential address:** Genevieve Roy-Wsiaki, “The evolution of behaviour analysis: How far have we come? New challenges for MABA”

**Research review:** Deborah Hatton, “I’m Still Here: Behavioural Intervention to Control for Motion with Typically Developing Children”

**Invited address:** Patricia Furer, “Behavioural approaches in the treatment of anxiety disorders: Maximizing effectiveness”

**Posters:**

Wirth, K., Thomson, K, & Pear, J. Evaluation of an online challenging behaviour course for school staff and students.

What did Matt Crump say?

Opening the 2014 Psychology colloquium series with a bang (like those of us with mechanical typewriters used to know), Dr. Matthew Crump of Brooklyn College presented evidence for his theoretical model of skilled performance. His studies of skilled typists show how planning and goal formation processes, like knowing the word we want to type, can speed the process of directing our fingers toward the right keys. Yet during execution, feedback from the keyboard is essential. Despite vast stores of experience, skilled typists cannot find letters with their usual speed or accuracy on a familiar keyboard that is projected onto a flat surface, for example. Ask yourself, in the word “typing,” which letters would you type using your left hand? Psychology colloquia are fascinating, and everyone is welcome! The discussion of embodied cognition continues Friday, October 10, at 3:00 in P412 Duff Roblin with Dr. Penny Pexman, University of Calgary. See you there!

Did you know...?

New rules being promulgated by the National Research Council in Washington, DC, may substantially reduce the requirements of ethical review of research in Psychology and other behavioural sciences, which is now carried out by Institutional Review/Research Ethics Boards. The proposed revision to the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research comes in response to societal and technological changes of the past 25 years (living in the age of “big data”), the very different regulatory environments in which businesses and universities now operate with respect to privacy protection, and concern with “mission creep” by IRB/REBs leading to over-protection of participants who are capable of informed consent. Under the proposed new rules, a large category of research in Psychology involving no-more-than-minimal information risk would be excused altogether from review, requiring instead registration with the IRB/REB and a 1-week waiting period in which the IRB/REB could object. Link here to an editorial by Dr. Susan Fiske and Dr. Robert Hauser in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences: http://www.pnas.org/content/111/38/13675.full
The next issue of **Head’s Up!** will appear on Monday, October 20, 2014. News to relate? Don’t hesitate! Send it to Liana Di Noto at Liana.Dinoto@ad.umanitoba.ca.

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**GASP!**

The **Graduate Association of Students of Psychology** (GASP) would like to extend a warm welcome to all students new to the department and all returning students. We would also like to welcome a new member, Erin Braun-Janzen, to the GASP executive council.

This year’s GASP executive council includes:

- **Co-Presidents:** Katelin Neufeld and Tamara Sucharyna
- **Vice President and Communications:** Matthew Quesnel
- **Event Coordinators:** Kylee Hurl, Sarah Germain, Joanna Bhaskaran
- **GSA Representatives:** Yunqaio Wang and Hayley Chartrand
- **Treasurer:** Erin Braun-Janzen

We are excited to host our annual **Rapid Fire Research Colloquium** this Fall (date TBA) and other fun social events. GASP will also be launching **new t-shirts** this year. Details to follow!

You can keep up to date on all GASP events by Liking us on Facebook and checking out our website at [http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~gasp/](http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~gasp/)

We wish everybody a fun and successful year, and look forward to seeing everybody at GASP events!

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**More Student Awards!**

Congratulations to recipients of the Fall 2014 **Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Award** (and faculty advisors):

- **Rory Waisman** (Randy Jamieson)
- **Leanne Peixoto** (Debbie Kelly)
- **Jacquelyn Klassen** (Melanie Soderstrom)
- **Allison Dyck** (Tammy Ivanco)
- **Sydney Kingston** (Janine Montgomery)
- **Matthew Cook** and **Tyler Eschenwecker** (Katherine Starzyk)