Kudos to Barry Mallin!

At its 2014 Annual General Meeting the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists (MASP) elected Dr. Barry Mallin as President. Dr. Mallin is a long time member of MASP, a certified school psychologist and the coordinator of the School Psychology Program at the University of Manitoba.

Five and Counting ...

On October 24th, the School Psychology Program in partnership with the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists (MASP) sponsored an all day workshop on new assessment tools and data management procedures. The workshop was attended by over 115 psychologists from the University and communities at large. This was the fifth time that the program and association have partnered to provide affordable high-quality professional development to psychologists and educators in Manitoba.

What did Robert Vallerand say?

All passions are not created equal. On October 24th, in a stimulating talk to an overflow crowd in the Duff Roblin Building, Dr. Robert Vallerand (Université du Québec à Montréal) delivered the 17th Annual John P. Zubek Memorial Lecture in Psychology. He spoke about the differences between harmonious and obsessive passions, and the respectively positive and negative consequences of each for human performance and psychological well-being. The differences arise from how the object of a passion becomes integrated with the self-concept: through experiences of personal value or pleasure in the pursuit (harmonious) vs. external pressure and contingencies on performance (obsessive). The discussion of motivation and social behaviour continues on Friday, November 21, when we welcome Dr. Jennifer Richeson, John D. and Catherine T. McArthur Fellow and Professor from Northwestern University.
Alumni Updates

Dr. Mie Kito has accepted an academic position in social psychology in the Department of Sociology at Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo. She will begin her new position April 2015.

Dr. Tara M. T. Giller received her Ph.D. in social psychology this year and has accepted the position of Behavioural Scientist with Canadian Tire in Winnipeg.

Meet the New Graduate Students!

Brooke Beatie, MA program in clinical psychology, graduated from the University of Manitoba with her BA (Hons) in Psychology. She is looking forward to continuing her studies here, under the supervision of Dr. Corey Mackenzie. Her main research interest is in age differences in mental health help-seeking and service utilization. In between research and studying, you can find Brooke catching up on Dateline episodes and feeding her addiction to all things dark chocolate.

Matthew Bernstein, MA program in clinical psychology, graduated from the University of Manitoba. Raised in Winnipeg, he was born in Los Angeles. His research interests include health psychology and knowledge translation. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and staying active.

After studying neuroscience at Dalhousie University, Caitlin Blaney decided to come here to see exactly what a prairie was. She is interested in neurodevelopmental disorders and will be working with Dr. Tammy Ivanco.

The next issue of Head’s Up! will appear on Monday, November 17, 2014. News to relate? Don’t hesitate! Send it to Liana at liana.dinoto@umanitoba.ca.
Memories ... of the Fall Welcome Party. Thanks to Mike Latchislaw for his photography of the event!