Congratulations, Alexa!

Alexa Yakubovich, winner of the 2012-2013 W. N. Ten Have Award for the best undergraduate honours thesis in Psychology, is this year’s winner of a very distinguished international graduate award: the Rhodes Scholarship! In the interim, Alexa has completed her M.Sc. in Evidence-based Social Intervention at Oxford University and is now working with Dr. Katherine Starzyk (Psychology) and other members of the Social Justice Laboratory on raising public awareness and support for improved water and sanitation services in First Nations communities. Her work as a Rhodes Scholar will focus on improving child well-being in socially disadvantaged communities. Read all about it here.

Kudos to Randy Jamieson!

President-elect of the Society for Computers in Psychology, Chair of the Brain and Cognitive Science Section of the Canadian Psychological Association, and former honours thesis advisor of ... Alexa Yakubovich.
November in the Jamieson/Cognitive Science Laboratory


What did Jennifer Richeson say?

The racial and ethnic mix of the North American population is changing, in ways that highlight the potential for coalitions among societally stigmatized groups to produce social change. Such coalitions historically have formed, and have made a difference -- but they also have come undone readily in the past. Jennifer Richeson, a McArthur Foundation Chair and Professor of Psychology and African American Studies from Northwestern University, spoke to us about her research examining the conditions under which contact between members of different societally stigmatized groups produces either coalition or derogation. Her findings show that raising the salience of past discrimination or victimhood -- so often the pretext for forming coalitions -- produces a sense of identity-threat in participants, which leads them instead to derogate members of other minority groups. But identity-threat can be defused in other ways, such as affirming the same identity in a nonthreatened domain. The encouraging result? New ways of broaching the topic of how different groups can come together for the common good.

Alumni News

Last year, Dr. Lia Daniels received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.
**GASP Notices**

**Holiday Food Hamper**

Once again, GASP will organize the collection and delivery of a holiday food hamper to a fellow University of Manitoba student and family who are in need this holiday season. Together we can brighten their holiday season.

Follow this link to an online sign up sheet for hamper items: [http://goo.gl/BAfWHI](http://goo.gl/BAfWHI). You can contribute as many or as few items as you like - every donation makes a difference. Please provide your name and email address next to the item(s) you wish to contribute. If you would prefer your name not be listed, please send us a direct message (gasp@umanitoba.ca) noting what you'd like to contribute.

Please drop off all non-perishable items at the Psychology General Office, P404 Duff Roblin Building, between the weekday hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, by **Wednesday, December 10**. We ask for all perishable items to be labelled "GASP" (please use tape so the food is not permanently marked) and placed in the department fridge on December 10th only.

**GASP Annual Holiday Party**

When? December 10, 2014
Time? 7:30 p.m.
Where? Confusion Corner Bar and Grill

This is going to be a fun event!! Wear your Holiday Worst for our Ugly Sweater Contest! Free Food and Drinks! Don't be a Holiday Grinch! Come and out visit with your fellow students!

*R.S.V.P. to gasp@umanitoba.ca by December 5th.* Do let us know if you have any allergies or dietary restrictions.

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The next issue of *Head's Up!* will appear on Monday, January 12, 2015. News to relate? Don’t hesitate! Send it to Sue Law at Sue.Law@umanitoba.ca.

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**Upcoming Thesis Defense**

**Tiffany Lazar**, *Parts-Based Processing in Autism*, Master’s Oral Thesis Defense, December 16th, 2014, 11:00 AM in P412 Duff Roblin Building

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**Graduate Student Conference Travel Awards – Faculty of Arts – November 1, 2014 Competition**

**Congratulations to ...**

**Jeremy Hamm**, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA

**Maia Kredentser**, International Congress on Palliative Care, Montreal, Quebec

**Tiffany Lazar**, Annual Society for Neuroscience International Research Conference, Washington, DC

**Ivanna Lukie**, International Convention of Psychological Science, Amersterdam, Holland

**Patti Parker**, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA

**Kristin Reynolds**, Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA

**Tamara Sucharyna**, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA

**Michelle Ward**, National Association of School Psychologists, Orlando, FL