**Thanks, Maria!**

In her Teaching Award address last week, Dr. Maria Medved shared her insights and activities, such as a simulated peer review assignment, which are designed to engage students in learning as a community, while retaining an evaluative focus on individual efforts and attainments.

**Congratulations, and welcome back, Renée!**

Renée El-Gabalawy has accepted a position, starting July 2015, as an Assistant Professor and Psychologist in the Departments of Anesthesia and Clinical Health Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba.

**New and Newsworthy**

In the Centre on Aging Research Seminar series, Dr. Jonathan Marotta gave the final presentation of the year.

Marotta’s research on posterior cortical atrophy investigates the neural mechanisms underlying visual perception and action in neurological patients, yielding new insights into how the brain is organized and how it is affected by devastating neurological disorders.

In the Visionary Conversations series, Dr. Dan Bailis and colleagues, Dr. Fang Wan and Dr. John Walker, discussed the theme: *Are you happy now? The pursuit of happiness in the modern age.* Read some of their answers in UM Today.

Ben Schellenberg’s recent paper on passionate hockey fans and how they coped with the NHL lockout of 2013 caught the attention of Tara Deschamps, staff reporter for the Toronto Star. Read the Star’s piece on why Maple Leafs fans can’t just stop bleeding blue.
Congratulations, recipients of the Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Award

Our Spring competition was the largest yet! We are pleased to be able to support 8 students in this round:

Emma Curry (Advisor: Dr. J. Cameron)
Karina Fagerstrom (Advisor: Dr. J. Leboe-McGowan)
Jona Frohlich (Advisor: Dr. M. Soderstrom)
Corey Petsnik (Advisor: Dr. J. Vorauer)
Hayley Riel (Advisor: Dr. R. Kruk)
Sophie Robitaille (Advisor: Dr. E. Johnson)
Diana Sader (Advisor: Dr. J. Leboe-McGowan)
Ian Thomson (Advisor: Dr. J. Chipperfield)

Upcoming event

Maia Kredentser presents her PhD Dissertation Oral Proposal on “Personality, Coping, and Distress in Four Groups of Non-Cancer Patients and their Caregivers at the End of Life” Thursday, March 12, at 12pm, in P519 Duff Roblin Bldg.

Did you know …?

It’s pat-your-colleague-on-the-back week in Psychology. (Oops, modern times … it’s ask-first-and-then-pat-your-colleague-on-the-back week in Psychology.) Why? Because our faculty, very often in collaboration with our students, collectively contributed over 125 articles, chapters, and submitted manuscripts to the literature in our field in 2014. If everyone writes just 1 more paper next year, we’ll break 150 and have holler-and-jump-into-your-colleagues’-arms week in March 2016. Way to go!

The next issue of Head’s Up! will appear on Monday, March 16, 2015. News to relate? Don’t hesitate! Send it to Sue.Law@umanitoba.ca