Congratulations, Jessica and Joe!

The Board of Governors has approved Dr. Jessica Cameron’s promotion from Associate Professor to Professor. Jessica studies the dynamics of interpersonal relationships and the self.


Coming Soon to a Faculty Near You!

Psychology warmly welcomes two new Assistant Professors who will be joining our clinical psychology program in 2016-2017. Kristin Reynolds is well known to many as a celebrated student of our program and pre-doctoral intern of the University of Manitoba’s Department of Clinical Health Psychology. She brings wide expertise in epidemiology, community mental health, and mixed-methods research, in addition to her strong teaching and clinical experience and skills. Matthew Keough is finishing his doctorate at Concordia University and internship at the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health. He is an expert in stress-coping processes in the context of substance use problems, and has teaching and clinical experience in quantitative methods, motivational interviewing, adult ADHD, and psychodynamic psychotherapy.
New Projects

As reported recently in UMToday, Dr. Debbie Kelly has had her Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in comparative cognition renewed for another $500,000 over 5 years. Congratulations, Debbie! Her research examines age-related changes in the ability of corvids and other avian species to navigate and remember important locations.

A $950,000 grant from The Winnipeg Foundation to St.Amant will change the healthcare landscape for people with developmental disabilities, autism, acquired brain injury and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Dr. Toby Martin heads up the research arm of this initiative, which will evaluate three critical projects: transitioning people from long-term care to the community, a continuum of respite services, and a crisis stabilization unit. The results will feed directly back into development of these projects, so as to ensure services are meeting the quality-of-life needs of the individual within a family centered model.

A grant from the Manitoba Gambling Research Program will allow Dr. Dan Bailis to undertake new research on self-compassion and its possible effects on risky decision-making during gambling play. The results are expected to contribute to our understanding of prevention, treatment, and communication about gambling risks.

Come one and all to the Psychology Honours Thesis Oral Presentations, April 25-26, 2016 P412 & P422 Duff Roblin Building, Refreshments provided in P408 Duff Roblin ....

... And then please join us for the Psychology Honours Dinner, on Friday, April 29, 2016, at Marshall McLuhan Hall in University Centre, starting at 6PM. Tickets are $20 and available from Sue Law in the main office.
Psychology Talks (and Listens)

What a valuable and delightful time we have had getting to know Dr. Reinhard Pekrun of the University of Munich. Over the past year, he has been visiting our department as the recipient of the prestigious John G. Diefenbaker Award, given by the Canada Council for the Arts. The award funds a German scholar to visit Canada to research, teach and advance knowledge in a particular field. On March 24, Dr. Pekrun addressed our department on the subject of achievement emotions, his control-value theory, and the implications of his theory and research for the design of achievement environments. The many who attended will remember the lively discussion we had as to why we perceive test anxiety as a trait despite ample evidence that anxiety is a domain-specific academic emotion, why there are gender differences in math emotions when there are not gender differences in math ability, and exactly how teacher emotions such as enthusiasm for a subject are “caught” by students.

This season of outstanding presentations by faculty from near and far included Dr. Joan Durrant (Community Health Sciences), who presented her international work on a human rights-based approach to parenting. The approach she developed for Save the Children Sweden and the UNICEF/UNESCO-supported Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children is also the subject of her 2013 book, Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting (3rd Edition).

The next Head’s Up! will appear in May. Please send your news to Sue.Law@umanitoba.ca.

Academic integrity issues got you down?

Psychologists Dr. Katherine Starzyk and Dr. Brenda Stoesz share their strategies in a piece in UM Today on academic dishonesty.
Dr. Kate Williamson (shown here with Dr. Johnson Li, Chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee) delivered the annual Vineberg address, in connection with her winning the prize of the same name in 2015. The Vineberg Research Prize is awarded annually to recognize the best research paper by a graduate student in Psychology. In her presentation, Kate shared her findings with respect to social cognition and the perception of life-motion by children born at very low birth weights (< 1500 g).

Dr. Ben Balas (University of North Dakota) presented findings from his developmental psychology research on face recognition and how face processing depends on the size of one’s community while growing up.

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Media and Outreach: Go See GoSA!

The Gallery of Student Art in University Centre featured the Man-up Against Suicide Photo Exhibition. In Canada, men are diagnosed with depression half as often as women, but have 4 times the rate of suicide. In an effort to help to decrease stigma and let people know they are not alone, Dr. John Oliffe (UBC), Dr. Kerstin Roger (Community Health Sciences), and Mary Anne Nurmi (Psychology) have brought to our university an exhibit drawn from their photo-voice participatory action research project. The exhibit shows photos and captions from interviews with men and women who have been affected by male suicide.

Answering the call for a relationships expert on Valentine’s Day, Dr. Marian Morry contributed multiple print and broadcast interviews for CBC News, Radio 1, Cross-Country Checkup, and Greatist.com. You can read more about one of her studies of Facebook use and relationship satisfaction [here](#).
Celebrating Student Milestones and Achievements


Julie Erickson is the winner of this year’s Graduate STAR Award. Congratulations, Julie! The award recognizes a current graduate student who excels in service, teaching, and research. Julie is also the lead author of a forthcoming paper: Erickson, J., El-Gabalawy, R., Palitsky, D., Patten, S., Mackenzie, C. S., Stein, M. B., & Sareen, J. (in press). Educational attainment as a protective factor for psychiatric disorders: Findings from a nationally-representative longitudinal study. *Depression & Anxiety.*

Maia Kredentser has won the Marion and Morgan Wright Award for this year. Congratulations, Maia! This award recognizes a clinical psychology student who, by the fourth practicum, has shown the highest level of excellence in clinical work.

Darren Neufeld (left, shown here with Hal Wallbridge, Director of the Psychological Service Centre) has won the Alumni Clinical Student Research Award and the Vineberg Research Prize for 2016.
Faculty of Arts
Undergraduate Research Symposium

Presenters from Psychology included
Vanessa Kisilowsky, Socio-Cultural Factors of Indigenous Graduation
Tiffany Humble, The Sublime: Pleasure and Terror Responses to Visual Images and Literary Texts
Amy Lindal, Parents’ and Caregivers’ Assessments of an Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention Program for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Alexis Unrau, The Subclinical Psychopath in Love: Mediating Effects of Attachment Styles

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award Winner

Congratulations to Alexie Touchette who has received a NSERC USRA to work with Dr. Jonathan Marotta examining how allocentric and egocentric information influences eye and hand movements.

Alanna Single (advisor: Bailis)

Recent Thesis Defenses

Flint Schwartz, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Prediction of Emotional Intelligence and Theory of Mind in Adults who have Experienced Childhood Maltreatment (advisor: Janine Montgomery)


Christine Henriksen, PhD Oral Examination, Experiences of Eating Disorders in Women 30 Years of Age and Older: A Mixed-Methods Examination (co-advisors: Corey Mackenzie & Danielle Bouchard).
Bethany Craig,
Master’s Thesis Oral Defense, Descriptive Assessment and Functional Analysis of Problem Behaviour among Individuals with Dementia (advisors: Garry Martin & Javier Virues-Ortega)

Morena Miljkovic,

Kerri Hildebrand,

**Bulletins**

*From Graduate Studies...*

I am writing regarding the upcoming 3MT competition this Thursday. In particular, I'm writing to encourage you to attend and cheer on Sarah Rigby from Clinical Psychology and Scott Smith from School Psychology who have made it to the final competition. If past competitions are an indication it will be a great event that leaves you very proud of your department's students and the research students are undertaking at the University of Manitoba.

Hope to see you there and please feel free to bring a cheering section for the People's Choice Award.

*From Corey Mackenzie...*

On February 19th students across North American who have applied for clinical psychology internships find out if and where they matched. The internship application process is stressful because, especially in recent years, there are more applicants than spots available. As a result, many exceptional applicants are not successful in matching to an internship site each year, resulting in them reapplying the following year. Our clinical program works hard to prepare students to be successful in this process and, once again, this year that
I’m very pleased to announce that six students from our program successfully matched to a CPA or APA accredited internship starting this Summer or Fall. Congratulations to **Darren Neufeld**, **Ross McCallum**, and **Ryan Nicholson** who all matched to the University of Manitoba Clinical Health Internship; to **Hayley Chartrand** who matched to the Hennepin County Medical Centre Internship in Minneapolis; to **Julie Erickson** who matched to the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health Internship in Toronto; and to **Sulaye Thakrar** who matched to the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre Internship in Halifax.

From Katherine Starzyk ...

Congratulations to Emily (Baron), Vanessa (Kisilowsky), and Nicole (Pitz) for being named emerging leaders by U of M!! This is great news and well deserved!

From Lorna Jakobson ...

The 2016 Honours Research Seminar class has voted and the prize for the most effective poster at Researchpalooza goes to... Alizée Vernouillet, Jade Anderson, Dawson Clary, & Debbie Kelly for their poster *Clark’s nutcrackers learn to exercise self-control*. Second place went to Dawson Clary & Debbie M. Kelly for their poster *Through the Looking Glass and What Nutcrackers Found There*. Well done, Kelly Lab!!

From Randy Jamieson ...

Both of the PhD students in my lab (Chrissy Chubala and Evan Curtis) got a paper in press from the work they did in other laboratories. **Mikayla Preete** (an undergraduate researcher in my lab working on artificial neural networks) has been selected to attend an all-expenses paid trip to Toronto to attend the York University Centre for Vision Research's Vision Science Summer School.
Teaching Page

Dr. George Bednarczyk delivered the annual Teaching Colloquium after receiving the Department of Psychology Teaching Award in 2015. He spoke to us about his path into teaching psychology, and the trade-off between talking with students and disseminating instruction. By means of audience participation, he demonstrated centering attention on the here and now, and role playing relevant situations for later analysis.

Collaboration to assist students in an online learning environment (MILE-Online-Boost) is relevant to fostering academic motivation and positive achievement emotions in an online environment where teachers and learners are not in immediate proximity to one another. Dr. Li’s project, Simulated Statistician: Engaging Social Sciences Students in Learning Statistics, develops a student-centered approach to teaching statistics.

Now-classic studies of bystander intervention in emergencies still form the core of instruction in introductory social psychology on prosocial behaviour. This year, Dr. Dan Bailis decided it was time to address the many forms of helping that do not occur on only a single occasion, between strangers, in an emergency. Taking a page from Dr. Scott Plous’ (Wesleyan University) action teaching approach, Dr. Bailis turned a survey and essay assignment on volunteering into an essay contest, and collected pledges of monetary support for whichever community service organization was the subject of the winning essay. The result was hundreds of dollars raised for the Canadian Diabetes Association’s Camp Briardale program for kids with type 1 diabetes, based on the essay by Gavin Pinniger. You can read more about the assignment and CDA’s visit to the class here in UMToday and on the CDA’s Facebook page.

Congratulations to Dr. Ray Perry, and Dr. Johnson Li! Both are successful principal applicants to the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund in 2016. Dr. Perry’s project, A Psychology-University 1
Recent Publications and Presentations


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Close relationship partners improves self-control performance. Paper to be presented to the International Association for Relationship Researchers Conference, Toronto, ON.

Chee, K., Morry, M. M., & Sucharyna, T. A. (July 2016). *Your relationship impacts how I see my relationship: Attributions and the social comparison process*. Paper to be presented to the International Association for Relationship Researchers Conference, Toronto, ON.

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**Scotia Department of Seniors**

Mackenzie, C.S. (May 2016). *Changes in Mental Health with Age: Is it the Best of Times or the Worst of Times?* Invited concurrent session at the University of Manitoba Centre on Aging’s 33rd Annual Spring Research Symposium.


**Spring Conference on Behaviour and Brain**


**University of Manitoba and Nova Scotia**

Mackenzie, C.S. (Apr 2016). *Changes in Mental Health with Age: Is it the Best of Times or the Worst of Times?* Invited keynote address at the University of Manitoba.

**Meet More New Graduate Students!**

**Karli Pedreira** received her honours degree from University of Manitoba and now joins the Applied Behaviour Analysis program, working with Dr. Toby Martin. Her research interests include autism, discrete-trials teaching, and self-instructional methods. She enjoys travelling and spending time with friends and family.

**Julie Comte** graduated from the University of Manitoba in 2015 and now joins the comprehensive stream of the School Psychology Master’s program. She enjoys traveling, cycling, and playing hockey.
Jessica Summers received her honours degree from the University of Manitoba. She has volunteered internationally at an orphanage in Dominican Republic. Her interests in adventure travel and scuba diving have taken her to Asia, Australia, and Central and South America.

Allison Dyck received her honours degree from the University of Manitoba and continues to work with Dr. Tammy Ivanco on concussions, as well as gait/balance issues seen in autism, both with animal models. She enjoys working with animals and competing in cycling races.

Charlotte Leferink received her honours degree from the University of Manitoba and continues to work with Dr. Jonathan Marotta on eye-hand coordination as studied through computational modelling. She also enjoys reading, cycling, playing squash, and live music.

Megan Siemens graduated from the University of Winnipeg with an honours degree in Biopsychology. She plans to continue her research with Dr. Debbie Kelly on how spatial abilities change with age, and how they are affected by diseases such as Alzheimer's. She loves to travel, and looks forward to sharing new experiences with everyone!

Stephanie Dudok is originally from Ontario and completed her undergraduate degree in Biopsychology at the University of Winnipeg. Before joining the clinical program, Stephanie was employed at the Manitoba Legislature as a Senior Policy Analyst, on portfolios including Health, Healthy Living and Aboriginal Affairs. She enjoys long distance open-water swimming and training dogs.

David Coodin received his Psychology degree from the University of Manitoba. He also studied Earth and Planetary Sciences at McGill University. He now joins the comprehensive stream of the School Psychology Master’s program. He loves to play and watch sports, particularly squash and golf, and try new things – most recently, experimenting in the kitchen with making breads.