An article coauthored by Jessica Cameron has won the International Association for Relationship Research’s 2016 Article Award for best article in *Personal Relationships* and *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. The paper (found in *Personal Relationships*, 21, 583-598) investigates the link between acceptance messages from close others and successful weight control.

The award was presented at the Annual Convention of the International Association of Relationship Research in Toronto this past July, where Jessica and her students and colleagues also presented papers on *Self-esteem and the disclosure of romantic attraction, First Date Scripts in the 21st Century, Expected Mindreading and Relationship Quality, and A Meta-Analysis Of Self-Esteem And Objective Interpersonal Indicators*.

Refreshed, we hope, from her Toronto journey, Jessica returns to work on her recently announced SSHRC Insight Grant on the personal and relational consequences of concealment and exposure of self-esteem.

Johnson Li, winner of last year’s Department of Psychology Teaching Award and upcoming presenter of the 2016-17 Teaching Colloquium in Psychology (stay tuned!), also turns his attention to a new SSHRC Insight Development Grant this fall.

Over the past 15 years, Canadian high school students have fallen precipitously in international rankings of their performance in math, science, and reading. To reverse the trend, however, we need new insight to the specific skills that Canadian students may be lacking in comparison with students in peer countries around the world.

Together with his colleague, Mark Gierl at the University of Alberta, Johnson plans to apply the psychometric technique of Cognitive Diagnostic Modeling to large-scale assessment data from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), so as to discover the skill profiles of Canadian students that can then inform the development of high school curricula – no small comfort to those of us struggling with our kids’ homework, or hoping that today’s students will be ready for post-secondary education or whatever comes their way!

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**Did you know...?**

Research Manitoba has a new mandate to coordinate funding of research in Manitoba, in the health, natural and social sciences, engineering and the humanities, and has now rolled its programs to support trainees and investigators in ALL of these areas. Read all about it!
New Publication Kudos!

Congratulations to Barry Mallin and George Bednarczyk whose recent article in a special edition of the Canadian Journal of School Psychology described the Manitoba history and context for their profession.

Congratulations also on new publications co-authored by students and faculty in the Perception and Action Lab (PI: Jonathan Marotta), Cross-Modality and Inter-Dimensional Perception and Memory Laboratory (PI: Launa Leboe-McGowan), and Social Relations Lab (PI: Jacquie Vorauer):


Celebrating Student Achievements!

In our last issue, we featured Psychology major Dawn MacGregor’s achievement of the University Gold Medal. Her honours at convocation didn’t stop there, however, and Head’s Up! more recently learned of much additional media coverage that Dawn received in recognition of her being awarded the Governor General’s Silver Medal, and her achievement of a perfect 4.5 CGPA!

Michelle Ward is a 2016 recipient of the University of Manitoba Graduate Students Association Full-Time Masters Student Award, for which she was specially recognized at the GSA Awards Luncheon in September. She also recently received the Susan Wright Bell Award for the Study of Developmental Disabilities.
Wasn’t that a time! Pictures from the Spring 2016 Honours Dinner
Upcoming events

The Manitoba Association for Behaviour Analysis (MABA) invites you to attend our 11th Annual Conference to be held Thursday October 6, 2016. The event will take place at Marshall McLuhan Hall, 204 University Centre, at the University of Manitoba.

Send in the Frowns! 😞

Are the dangers of alcohol or benefits of breastfeeding oversold? Is the evaluation of teaching an impossible task? Could it be that risky environments are the best places for kids to play, or that promoting empathy as the psychological centerpiece to anti-bullying, anti-discrimination, and anti-terror campaigns is a giant mistake?

Psychology, though always pragmatic and founded on direct observation, has been known for its great debates – which are also some of our biggest levers to invigorate new research and draw new people to our field.

So, click here to send in the frowns – your rants, your soapbox moments, and your most widely disagreeable ideas that can still be defended from a psychological point of view. We’ll challenge our Undergraduate and Graduate Student Associations in Psychology to … wait for it … turn them upside-down. 😊

University of Manitoba Psychology Colloquium Series Fall 2016

Friday, October 7th
Dr. Patrick Friman (The University of Nebraska)
Colloquium in Applied Behaviour Analysis

Friday, October 14th
Dr. Debra Long (University of California, Davis)
Colloquium in Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Friday, October 21st
Dr. Gordon Asmundson (University of Regina)
Colloquium in Clinical Psychology (Zubek)

Friday, November 4th
Dr. Susan Graham (University of Calgary)
Colloquium in Developmental Psychology

Friday, November 25th
Dr. Caio Miguel (California State University)
Colloquium in Applied Behaviour Analysis

*** All talks start at 3pm in P412 Duff Roblin, unless otherwise noted
*** Refreshments and snacks will be served 30 minutes before all talks
*** A Wine and Cheese will follow all talks
Everyone is welcome to attend!
August and Everything After … the P412 Duff Roblin Report!

Doctoral Dissertation Oral Defense

Tevya Hunter
Tuesday, September 27 at 1:30 PM
Struggles of Resiliency: Women Negotiating Interpersonal Relationality Following Burn Injury.

Lindsay Frohlich
Tuesday, August 16 at 1:00 PM
Distinguishing Alcohol Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder from Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder using Psychological Measures and fMRI

Dawson Clary
Tuesday, August 9 at 9:00 AM
The Social Cognitive Abilities of the Clark’s Nutcracker: From Self to Other

Kristin Reynolds
Monday, August 8 at 1:00 PM
Older Adults’ Pathways to Mental Health Information and Treatment: Bridging the Gap in Knowledge Translation

MA Thesis Oral Defense

Caitlin Blaney
Monday, August 22nd at 1:00 PM
Bifidobacterium infantis fails to reduce hippocampal interleukin-6 levels in a rodent model of hypoxia-ischemia following preterm birth

Dina Tabatabaei
Friday, August 19th at 11:00 AM
Expression of Interleukin-6 (IL-6) in The Cerebellum is not altered in the Absence of Fragile X Mental Retardation Protein (FMRP) or with Motor Skill Learning.

Ryan Langridge
Friday, August 19th at 1:30 PM
The Effects of Allocentric Cue Presence on Eye-Hand Coordination: Disappearing Targets in Motion

Kimberly Nozick
Wednesday, August 3 at 10 AM
An Attachment-Based Model of Compulsive Hoarding
Thesis Proposal Oral Examinations

**Tiffany Carther-Krone**  
PhD Thesis Oral Proposal  
Thursday, August 12th at 1:30 PM  
Perceptual Grouping in Vision

**Karli Pedreira**  
MA Thesis Oral Proposal  
Friday, September 2nd at 1:00 PM  
Early Behavioural Intervention and Service Setting for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder