A New Brighton Beach Memoir – Congratulations, Dr. Murray Singer!

Dr. Murray Singer is the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award of the Society for Text and Discourse. Selected from a list of renowned nominees, Murray has won the Society’s most prestigious award, which honours scholars who have made outstanding scientific contributions to the study of discourse processing and text analysis. The award recognizes not only outstanding research, but also contributions to mentorship, and advancement of the field through leadership as a theorist or spokesperson for the discipline. Murray will be presented with the award at the Society's annual meeting this summer in Brighton, UK (oh, that Brighton), where he will also provide a keynote lecture at the UK’s ‘hippest city’ on the seaside! Here are some other recent contributions from Murray, and recognition he has received:


**New Faculty!**

Psychology welcomes two outstanding new scholars to our department!

- **Leslie Roos** will be joining our Clinical and School Psychology programs. She is currently finishing her internship at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. She is a highly accomplished researcher in self-regulation and resilience to early life stress, whose work combines cognitive and psychophysiological measures, and she brings clinical expertise as well in several areas related to childhood adversity, transition to school, and foster care.

- **Ryan Giuliano** will be joining our Developmental Psychology program. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. With his work on stress-reactivity in children and families who are disadvantaged socio-economically, he brings research expertise in EEG and emotion-psychophysiological measurement in humans, programming in various applications, plus teaching experience in Child Development and several specialized subjects.

**In Memoriam**

Our department mourns the sudden passing of **Sue Law** in February of this year. Sue was a staff member of the University of Manitoba for over 30 years, the last 7 of which were in Psychology as Assistant to the Head of the department. Lively, fun, genuine – our in-house event coordinator and photographer – Sue contributed to the life of our department in many ways. Most recently, she completed a Learning Exchange Program, aided by the Support Staff Endowment Fund, to bring back many useful insights for our department from her stay in the University of Ottawa’s School of Psychology. In addition, we will long remember the celebration of life held for her in March, and her involvement in the music community, more of which can be found in her obituary [here](#).
**FUN FACT**

Dr. Randy Jamieson’s PSYC 3390 - Thinking was listed as a “cool course” in the 2016 *Maclean’s* rankings.

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**MEDIA & OUTREACH**

“Mindsets Matter: The Psychology of Aging Well”  
Judith Chipperfield, PhD  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018-12:00 PM  
Millennium Library (Anhang Room) | 251 Donald ST.

How to tell if you are in a good relationship  
Dr. Jessica Cameron’s research was featured in an article in [UMToday](#).

Self-compassion and winning the next hand  
Dr. Dan Bailis’ research was featured in an article in the Arts [Scisco](#) Research Newsletter. Dan also presented a lecture in April to the [Seniors’ Alumni Learning for Life Program](#), on *Psychosocial Factors in Healthy Aging*.

“Insights from specialized spiders into the study of animal cognition”, Department of Psychology and Department of Biology Joint Seminar  
Dr. Fiona Cross (University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand & International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Mbita, Kenya)  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 1:00 p.m., P412 Duff Roblin

Dr. Jonathan J. Marotta, Professor, Brain & Cognitive Sciences, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba.  
May 7, 2018, 11:00am–12:00 pm, University of Manitoba’s Bannatyne Campus.  
Dr. Marotta gave a similar presentation also to the [Institut Collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate](#), Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

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**STAFF NEWS**

Welcome to Jamie McMillan who joined our department as Assistant to the Head in April!

Dr. Randy Jamieson promoted to Professor

Dr. Ed Johnson promoted to Professor

Dr. Katherine Starzyk promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure

Congratulations to Dr. Kristin Reynolds and family on the birth of their baby girl, Isla Audrey Reynolds-Yurkiw, this past March
### Alumni News

Congratulations to Perception and Action Lab Alumnus Dr. Lee Baugh on his promotion and tenure at University of South Dakota.

Congratulations to Dr. Benjamin Schellenberg on his appointment as Assistant Professor in Kinesiology and Recreation Management at University of Manitoba.

### Publications

Fontaine, A. S. M., & Vorauer, J. D. (in press). How low can you(r power) go? It depends on whether you are male or female. *Sex Roles*.


### Congratulations!

Caleigh Bell has received the University Gold Medal for the highest standing in Arts.

Richelle Chekay has received the Faculty of Arts Medal for the highest standing in the Honours Degree in Arts.

Brooke Beatie and Kristen Cheung were both awarded 2017 Canadian Psychological Association Grants for Student Research and Knowledge Dissemination.

Haley Bernusky (working with Matt Keough), Aneet Saran (working with Jonathan Marotta) and Erin White (working with Jessica Cameron) received Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience Awards for summer 2018.

Kristen Cheung received the 2017 Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Graduate Student Fellowship, American Psychological Foundation, and the 2017-2018 Lois M. Brockman Graduate Student Thesis Research Fellowship in the Area of Child Development.

Matt Cook, awarded the N. John Castellan Award for Best Student Presentation, for his paper titled “A computational cognitively-inspired technology for clinical diagnosis”, at the 2017 Meeting of the Society for Computers in Psychology. Matt was also a 3MT finalist! Read more about his research in [UMToday](http://news.umanitoba.ca/our-emerging-leader-students-celebrated-3/?utm_source=indigenous-student-weekly&utm_medium=email).


Kylene Clayton received a Conference Grant from the Manitoba Gambling Research Program to attend the Alberta Gambling Research Institute: Current Issues in Gambling Research April 12-14, 2018.

Matsya Thulasiram, awarded NSERC USRA funding for summer research in the lab.

Cindy Foster received a Manitoba Gambling Research Program Studentship for “When Does Self-Compassion Lead to Increased or Decreased Risk-Taking by Potential Problem Gamblers? Implications of Regulatory Focus for Risk.”

Michelle Ward, selected for the Sam & Esther Sair Scholarship for pursuit of special studies in rehabilitation of persons with long term mental disorders, as part of training in Psychiatry, Psychology or Occupational Therapy’.
Our department had several SSHRC Insight grants awarded in 2017 and 2018. If you’re wondering, who are those researchers, and what are they up to now? Read on!

**Dr. Raymond Perry**

*Motivation-Enhancing Treatments and Mind Mapping: An Attribution-based Intervention to Facilitate College Students’ Engagement and Persistence in Online Learning Environments.*

With the arrival of online learning technologies, postsecondary institutions have opportunities to provide motivationally-enhancing treatments to large numbers of students in undergraduate programs or in campus-wide academic assistance programs and teaching and learning centres. However, to date, little has been done to build “motivation-enhancers” that can help improve an individual’s motivation to change into these initiatives to encourage student engagement and persistence. This program of research will develop student-centered motivation interventions for online learning environments and instruction. Results will benefit students, instructors, and academic departments, and counter the “massification” of higher education.

**Dr. Katherine Starzyk**


Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians is an urgent and compelling task for Canadians. Supported by The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, this project seeks to understand how Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians conceive of reconciliation, and to then develop a rigorous reconciliation barometer appropriate for Canada. Although such barometers of reconciliation exist in three other countries, they cannot be directly imported for use in Canada because of cultural and historical specificities. In extensive consultation with a variety of stakeholder groups, Starzyk will design a barometer for Canada that will enable researchers to track the state of reconciliation in Canada. This research will be of interest to academics, on-the-ground practitioners working at non-governmental agencies, governments, political organizations such as the United Nations, social groups, and media—as well as the general Canadian public.

**Dr. Jacquie Vorauer**

*Identifying Beneficial Versus Detrimental Forms of Empathic Responding in Conflictual Intergroup Interaction Situations.*

This project probes the complexities associated with promoting empathy in intergroup interaction situations characterized by
tension and conflict. Although there is widespread belief in the benefits of empathy, previous empirical research has revealed that empathy can often backfire and have negative rather than positive effects on individuals’ attitudes and behaviors toward those with different ethnic backgrounds than their own. Accordingly, this research program, which includes ten different experiments probing intergroup interaction dynamics, will seek to identify whether there are forms of empathic responding that can yield more positive outcomes.

MORE GRANTS!

**Dr. Tammy Ivanco** received University Collaborative Research Program funding for 2 years for her project, “PGE2 agonists to protect neonates from hypoxia-induced cell death and poor outcomes.”

Announced by the Manitoba Gambling Research Program in 2017-18:

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## Upcoming Defenses!

**Brennan Foidart’s Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal**  
Scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018, 11:00 am in P412 Duff Roblin.

**Committee Members:**  
Dr. C. T. Yu (Advisor), Psychology  
Dr. Toby Martin, Psychology  
Dr. Shahin Shooshtari, Community Health Sciences

**Title:** Do Discrimination Skills Predict Preference Hierarchies During Stimulus Preference Assessments With Immediate Versus No Item Access?

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## Recent Defenses!

**Matthew Quesnel PhD Dissertation Oral Proposal**  
Thursday, May 31, 2018, 1:00pm, P412 Duff Roblin  
“*The Content, Valence and Outcomes of Ethnic Minority Group Members’ Interminority Meta-Stereotypes*”

**Amber Yaholkoski, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense**  
Tuesday, May 29th, 2018, 10:00 AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
“*Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Survey of Clinicians in Canada*”

**Chantal Van Landeghem, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal**  
Friday, May 25, 2018, 1:30 PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
“*Risk of Exercise Dependence in University Students: A Subtyping Study Utilizing Latent Class Analysis*”

**Yangtian Cheng, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense**  
Wednesday, May 3, 2018, 1:30 PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
“*Evaluating the Performance of Capture Procedure and Capture Percentage in Reproducibility Research: A Simulation Study*”

**Jennifer Barnes, PhD Dissertation oral proposal**  
Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 10 AM  
“*Examining Associations between Maternal Trauma, Child Attachment Security, and Child Behaviours in Refugee Families in Canada*”

**Jordana Sommer, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal**  
Thursday, February 8, 2018, 9:30 AM  
“*Mental health sequelae in the postoperative period: An examination of perioperative dissociation, postoperative delirium, and posttraumatic stress*”

**Debra Lall, PhD Oral Defense**  
Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 9:00 AM  
“*Authoritarian Parenting, Religiosity, Interpretive Theory of Mind and Shame in Middle Childhood*”

**Rebecca Madziak, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal**  
Monday, February 5, 2018, 1:00 PM  
“*Morphological segmenting skills in reading-impaired children: An ERP study*”

**Judy Kienas, PhD Oral Defense**  
Thursday, December 21, 2017, 9:30 AM  
“*Happily ever after? Women’s perceptions of their relationships after the desistance of violence*”

**Matthew Bernstein, PhD Dissertation Oral Proposal**  
December 15, 2017, 2:15 PM  
“*Evaluating information needs, currently available information, and a new information decision aid to meet the needs of persons with anxiety disorders*”

**Megan Siemens, Master’s Thesis Oral Defense**  
Thursday, December 14, 2017, 2:00 PM  
“*The Effects of Age on Featural and Geometric Cue Use During Reorientation in an Immersive Virtual Reality Environment*”

**Corey Petsnik, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal**  
Thursday, December 14, 2017, 10:00 AM  
“*Does Dispositional Attachment Moderate Responses to Observing Ostracism?*”

**Sarah Rigby, PhD Dissertation Oral Proposal**  
December 12, 2017, 10:00 AM  
“*Alexithymia and the processing of emotional scenes and faces Ph.D Dissertation Oral Proposal*”

## Colloquia

**Friday, March 23rd, 2018**  
**Dr. Danielle Gaucher** (University of Winnipeg)  
Colloquium in Social Psychology

**Friday, March 2nd, 2018**  
**Patricia Parker** (University of Manitoba)  
The Vineberg Award Colloquium  
Vineberg Award Colloquium & Researchpalooza

**Friday, February 16th, 2018**  
**Dr. Marian Morry** (University of Manitoba)  
“Reflections on Teaching: The 4 “Es” Teaching Award Colloquium

**Friday, February 9th, 2018**  
**Dr. Robert Cribbie** (York University)  
“Equivalence Testing: Turning Null Hypothesis Testing Upside Down”  
Colloquium in Quantitative Psychology