**Psychology in the Spotlight**

Psychology graduate student Iloradanon Efimoff was recently featured in a UMToday News article, Lumbering towards a decolonized society. You can read the article [here](#).

Dr. Randy Jamieson’s research, The influence of place and time on lexical behavior: A distributional analysis, originally published in the journal *Behavior Research Methods*, was recently profiled in a Medical News Today article and a Neuro Science News article.

Tyler Kempe, Psychology graduate student in was recently featured in UMTodays Student Success Month Spotlight. Read more about Tyler’s risks, challenges and successes [here](#).

Dr. Melanie Soderstrom’s Baby Language Lab was recently featured on CTV News. The segment focuses on a current study being run by the lab which attempts to replicate previous results showing infants from 5-10 months old are able to understand right from wrong. You can see the interview [here](#).

Dr. Katherine Starzyk, Dr. Katelin Neufeld, Aleah Fontaine, Iloradanon Efimoff (photo above) and colleagues were recently featured in Psynopsis: Canada’s Psychology Newsletter. The article, Lessons learned for psychological research with Indigenous Peoples from the Canadian Reconciliation Barometer Project, discusses their goal of developing a measure of reconciliation that is acceptable to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples. You can view issues of Psynopsis [here](#).


Psychology was once again represented at Three Minute Thesis. Alyse Sukovieff, Psychology graduate student, presented her talk titled #ReassuranceSeeking: Does Posting About Self-Compassion on Social Media Increase or Decrease Anxiety? in 3MT Heat 1 on February 24, 2020.
**STAFF NEWS**

Dr. Ed Johnson recently received a Long service award. Congrats!

Congratulations to all the other staff & faculty members who recently celebrated a Service Anniversary in 2019: Dr. Jessica Cameron, Dr. Loring Chuchmach, Liana Di Noto, Dr. Lorna Jakobson, Dr. Richard Kruk, Dr. Johnson Li, Dr. Jonathan Marotta, Dr. Garry Martin, Ferro Montanino & Dr. Hal Wallbridge.

**GRANTS**

Dr. Jonathan Marotta is part of a Research Team lead by Drs. Ji Hyun Ko (Human Anatomy and Cell Science) and Tony Szturm (Medical Rehabilitation). Their application, "Changes in metabolic activity and gait function by dual-task cognitive game-based treadmill system intervention", to The Weston Transformational Research: Canada 2019 PD-Related Diseases program has been successfully awarded approximately $1.5 million.

Dr. Toby Martin recently received a Mitacs grant which will support Psychology graduate students, Carly Cressman, Daniel Foidart, and Jessica Summers as Mitacs Accelerate Interns.


**PSYCHOLOGY WINTER 2020 COLLOQUIUM SERIES**

February 14th, 2020
Dr. Ryan Giuliano, University of Manitoba Teaching Award Colloquium

March 6th, 2020
Ms. Sarah Rigby, University of Manitoba Vineberg Award Colloquium & Researchpalooza

March 20th, 2020 - POSTPONED
Dr. Lauren Guillette, University of Alberta Colloquium In Brain And Cognitive Sciences

March 27th, 2020 - POSTPONED
Dr. Donald Sharpe, University of Regina Colloquium in Quantitative Psychology

**THANK YOU!**

The Department of Psychology would like to thank Spenser Martin and Allyson Paton for representing the Department at the Evening of Excellence on October 29, 2019.

A special thank you to Psychology’s Open House mini-lecture speakers and organizers: Dr. Ryan Giuliano and Dr. Leslie Roos

Thank you to Undergraduate Student Advisor, Reba Krahn for representing Psychology at this year’s open house
STUDENT AWARDS

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Nicole Buck has been awarded an NIB (National Indian Brotherhood) Trust Fund Scholarship.

Matt Cook’s team placed 3rd in the Data Science Challenge at the recent International Data Science Conference held by the new Data Science NEXUS program here at the University of Manitoba.

Iloradanon Efimoff was recently honoured as a campus leader as recipient of the 4th annual Indigenous Award of Excellence in the Outstanding Achievement category.

Sophie Robitaille has recently been awarded the Donald Vernon Snider Memorial Fellowship.

Jordana Sommer recently received CIHR Doctoral Scholarship as well as the Dr. Mark Zamorski CIMVHR Research Award for a postgraduate student conducting research with significant potential to improve the mental health of Veteran or military populations, or their families.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Psychology’s 2019 President’s Scholars: Carly McFall (BA Psych Hons.), Chantal Delaquis (BA Psych Hons.), Avalon Kunzig (BSc Psych Maj.), Yashmi Wijewardana (BSc. Psych Maj.).

Congrats also to Shannon Senanayake (Research Supervisor: Dr. Jonathan Marotta) for placing 2nd in the 15th Undergraduate Research Poster Competition in the Social Sciences and Humanities division with her project, Perception and Action: Effects of Priming and Illusions on Visually Guided Grasping.

PURE AWARDS

Ariane Freyinet-Gagné (with Dr. Danielle Gaucher)
Lily Pankratz (with Dr. Kristin Reynolds)
Samantha Pierce (with Dr. Richard Kruk)
Matthew Slusky (with Dr. Jonathan Marotta)
Victoria Tess (with Dr. Richard Kruk)
Nicole Tongol (with Dr. Jessica Cameron)

ARTS STUDENT CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

Congrats to the students awarded an Arts Student Conference Travel Award in the November 1, 2019 competition:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Dr. Katherine Starzyk was an invited panel presenter as part of the University of Manitoba’s “Visionary Conversations” series, *What does a decolonized Canada look like? How do we build a Canada based on mutual respect and fairness between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians?* on December 11th 2019 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, MB. A summary of the conversation can be found in UMToday and the conversation can be viewed [here](#).

A research team, including Dr. Randy Jamieson, has built a search engine for the Psychonomic Society designed to search Psychonomics 2019 Abstracts from the annual Psychonomic Society meeting. The search engine, based on their recent publication, has four ways to search the abstracts by semantic similarity.


RESEARCHPALOOZA

Once again, Researchpalooza was a resounding success with more than 30 entries and a fantastic turnout. Thank you to all those involved in making Researchpalooza 2020 such a success!

This year’s #1 ranked poster, as chosen by the PSYC 4520 honours classes, was “Late-Life Loneliness and its Detrimental Health Outcomes: A Mediating Role for Perceived Control” by Krylova, M. V., Chipperfield, J. G., Clifton, R. A., Perry, R. P., Hamm, J. M., Chuchmach, L. P., & Parker, P. C.

ALUMNI NEWS

Two graduates of the University of Manitoba’s Psychology program, Cindy Foster and Leora Strand, were recently featured on the front page of the [Winnipeg Free Press](#) as well as [CBC News](#). Cindy and Leora make up 2/3 of a team of addictions counsellors working to register as a charity and set up a long-term residential recovery centre in Winnipeg exclusively for women and LGBTQQ+ people with a goal of opening for Fall 2020. The team hopes to ensure women feel like they have a community of support after treatment.
Defenses & Proposals

Jessica Summers, PhD Thesis Oral Proposal  
Tuesday, March 31st 2020, 2:15PM (CT), Skype Meeting  
**Title:** A Prospective and Retrospective Program Evaluation of a Community-Based Behaviour Stabilization Service

Shaelyn Stienwandt, Master Thesis Oral Proposal  
Tuesday, February 18th 2020, 1:00PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Video-Coded Parent-Child Interactions and Cortisol Reactivity in Preschoolers Following an Acute Stressor Task

Mercedes Casar, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Thursday, February 13th 2020, 12:00PM, P519 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Impact of Smartphones on Infant Language Development

Tracie Parkinson, Ph.D. Dissertation Oral Proposal  
Tuesday, November 27th 2019, 11:00AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** A Comprehensive Investigation of a Hatha Yoga Program on Brain Functioning, Attention, and Self-Perception

Jackie Spear, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Thursday, February 6th 2020, 2:00PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Defining distinctiveness: A computational and experimental analysis

Cristina Weiner, Master Thesis Oral Proposal  
Wednesday, February 5th 2020, 9:00AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Predictive Eye Movements When Grasping Moving Targets with Directional Bias

Kody Sauder, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Thursday, January 23rd 2020, 9:00AM, P519 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Reinforcement Duration on Continuous Reinforcement for Lake Sturgeon

Matthew Bernstein, Final Doctoral Oral Examination  
Thursday, January 9th 2020, 9:00AM, P519 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Evaluating anxiety information needs and currently available anxiety information to meet the needs of the public

Francesca Silla, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Friday, December 13th 2019, 10:15AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Magnocellular-Dorsal Stream Functioning and Exogenous Visual Attention in Good and Poor Elementary School Readers: A Longitudinal Study

Keaden Shebaylo, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Friday, December 13th 2019, 8:15AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Visual Attention and Spelling Development: A Longitudinal Study

Sarah Petty, Doctoral Dissertation Oral Proposal  
Tuesday, December 10th 2019, 9:00AM, P519 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Women's Anxiety Symptoms and Help-Seeking Experiences During the Perinatal Period

Carly Cressman, Doctoral Dissertation Oral Proposal  
Thursday, December 5th 2019, 1:00PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Shared Decision-Making in EIBI: Consultant Adherence and Parent Involvement

Matthew Cook, Doctoral Dissertation Oral Proposal  
Wednesday, November 27th 2019, 11:00AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Computational History: Using Semantic Models to Measure and Predict Changes in Attitudes, Values, and Beliefs from Language

Robert Dryden, Master’s Thesis Final Oral Defense  
Thursday, November 21st 2019, 2:00PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Attributional Retraining: Boosting the Academic Persistence and Performance of First Generation College Students with Low Academic Control

Kayla Kilborn, Master’s Thesis Proposal Defense  
Monday, November 18th 2019, 2:00PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** The Heart and Mind Project: Social and Emotional Learning in Canadian Schools

Amber Yaholkoski, PhD Dissertation Oral Proposal  
Wednesday, November 13th 2019, 2:10PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Caregiver Experiences during the ASD Diagnostic Process

Alanna Johnson, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Tuesday, November 12th 2019, 9:00AM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Perspectives of Women in Domestic Violence Shelters on Intimate Partner Relationships

Masha Krylova, Master’s Thesis Oral Proposal  
Friday, November 8th 2019, 2:00PM, P412 Duff Roblin  
**Title:** Understanding Late-life Loneliness and Its Detrimental Effects on Health: The Mediating Role of Perceived Control
RECENT PUBLICATIONS!


Feuchte, F., Neufeld, K. H. S., Bilali, R., & Mazziotta, A. (Accepted). Forum Theatre can improve intergroup attitudes, sense of community, and collective action intentions: Evidence from Liberia. Accepted for publication at Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology.


Neufeld, K. H. S., Starzyk, K. B., & Boese, G. D. (Accepted). The effects of potential benefit on support for reparations for intergroup harm. Accepted for publication at Peace and Conflict: *Journal of Peace Psychology*.


CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:


CONFERENCE POSTERS:


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