

## Fall 2011

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## WELCOME FROM THE HEAD...

Hello everyone and welcome to *Psychobabble* for Fall 2011.

The last academic year saw continued impressive achievements by the faculty and students in the Department, along with development of a new children's camp based on Psychology. Read on to find out more!

Our faculty and students continued to make innovative and groundbreaking research discoveries and the 2 books, 26 book chapters, 74 journal articles and abstracts, 9 invited talks, and 118 conference presentations all attest to this. In addition, members of the department sat on 29 Editorial Boards (or were Associate Editors), held 71 grants totaling \$7,477,686.32, received \$1,063,079.04 in student scholarships, awards, and bursaries, and received several prestigious awards including

- Rayleen De Luca was named a member of the Order of Manitoba,
- Stephen Holborn received a Faculty/Staff Access Award from Disability Services,
- Debbie Kelly was given the inaugural Canadian Society for Brain Behaviour and Cognitive Sciences Early Career Award,
- Barry Mallin was honoured with an Award of Excellence from the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists, and

- Jacquie Vorauer was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association.

These awards, publications and grants are a testament to the hard work of our faculty members and their students. This level of excellence is as apparent in the classroom as it is in the lab, and this year Dan Bailis was awarded the Psychology Department Teaching Award, and Melanie Glenwright received the Excellence in Teaching Award for Probationary Faculty in the Faculty of Arts.

Our excellent group of faculty has been augmented by the addition of two outstanding new members. Dr. Jennifer Theule, who will support teaching supervision and research in both the Clinical Psychology and School Psychology programs, and Dr. Don Stewart, who has taken over as the Director of the Psychological Service Centre. Jennifer and Don join a group of young and talented faculty members who have invigorated the Department with their expertise, commitment, and enthusiasm. The future of the Department looks very bright indeed!

Speaking of impressive young faculty, Dr. Corey Mackenzie has taken over as Director of the Clinical Training Program. He

joins Dr. Dan Bailis (Associate Head, Graduate) and Dr. Jason Leboe-McGowan (Associate Head, Undergraduate) to form an exceptionally strong administrative team who I feel very fortunate to have working with me.



COREY  
MACKENZIE



DAN BAILIS



JASON LEBOE-  
MCGOWAN

In addition to academic achievements and developments, the Department was active in sponsoring the first-ever (for the U of M) children's camp based in Psychology - *Mysteries of the Mind*.

Graduate student Jady Wong worked with faculty members Lorna Jakobson, Dan Bailis, Melanie Glenwright, Ed Johnson, and Katherine Starzyk to develop many fun and informative activities revolving around topics such as eyewitness memory, personality, attention, stress, social dilemmas, marketing, self-control, and neuroscience (including dissection of jello brains)! The camp ran for a week in August as part of the University's Mini-U program and we hope it will be offered again in 2012. We were fortunate to have a really fantastic instructor for the camp - Thisaru

Nilamgoda. Thisaru reported that the children had a great time and developed a keen interest in Psychology that we wonder might lead to advanced study eventually. Whether or not any of the children actually become Psychologists, there is no doubt that the camp helped spread the word about how interesting, relevant, and fun Psychology can be!

Best wishes for a great year ahead!

Todd A. Mondor

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## COMINGS & GOINGS

Over the past two years several new faculty members have joined the Department and a few of our old friends have moved on to retirement or to new positions.

Don Stewart joined the Department this August as Director of the *Psychological Service Centre*.

Jennifer Theule joined us this summer as an assistant professor in *Clinical and School Psychology*.

Mary Caruso-Anderson joined the Department in 2010 as an assistant professor in *Applied Behaviour Analysis*.

Debbie Kelly came to the Department in 2010 as a *Canada Research Chair in Comparative Cognition*.

Javier Virues-Ortega joined the Department in 2010 as an assistant professor in *Applied Behaviour Analysis*.

John Arnett, who served for three years as the Director of both the Clinical Psychology Training Program and the Psychological Service centre, returned to his 'home' in August 2011 in the Department of Clinical Health Psychology.

Les Leventhal, who worked in the Department for 34 years, retired on July 1, 2011, but will continue his affiliation with the Department as a Senior Scholar.

Garry Martin retired in 2009 after 43 years in the Department and was named Distinguished Professor Emeritus in recognition of his outstanding career and contributions.

Jim Nickels, who came to the Department in 1966 and served as Acting Head from 1983 - 1984, retired on June 30, 2009.

## NEW FACULTY ...

### Dr. Don Stewart



I am very pleased to be taking up my new appointment as Director of the Psychological Service Centre. As a graduate of the Clinical program here, I have many fond memories of my own time spent training at the PSC, along with considerable excitement about ways to re-invigorate the centre to make it a more vital and dynamic training site.

Although I am new to the department, I bring over 20 years of experience in clinical supervision and professional practice to the PSC through my previous positions at the campus Student Counselling and Career Centre. During my time at SCCC, I served as Director of Training for its CPA/APA-accredited

internship and, more recently, as Director of the SCCC. This work in student services has helped me to develop a student-centred perspective on the campus, with a special focus on identifying and responding to the needs of students and developing strategic relationships with campus and community partners regarding how best to meet students' needs.

My professional areas of expertise encompass clinical supervision and training, student development, ethics and professional practice issues, and adult learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders.

At the PSC I will be offering a specialty practicum in adult cognitive assessment through a newly-established assessment clinic, and continuing to practice integrative psychotherapy. I am also continuing to serve the university through membership on the Student Threat Assessment Triage, Intervention, and Support (STATIS) team. In addition to these campus activities, I am also contributing to professional regulation in Manitoba through my roles as a member of the Psychological Association of Manitoba Continuing Education Committee and Chair of the Code of Conduct Working Group.

My research interests are varied, and have included collaboration on such diverse topics as psychological functioning among Dental students, clinical vs. developmental social anxiety, and supervisor self-efficacy. I am currently involved in collaborative research with partners in Psychology, Clinical Health Psychology and the SCCC. These projects involve exploration of self-assessed supervisory competencies, mental health knowledge translation techniques for young adults, and factors associated with clinical help-seeking among university students.

My initial plan for the PSC is to look at ways to help it function more effectively as a 'hub' for Clinical students, including developing more lab and study space at PSC, and enhancing opportunities for on-site assessment training. I am also excited to work closely with others at the PSC to improve internal processes related to service delivery, tracking of student activities, and evaluation of outcomes. So far I have been warmly welcomed into the department, and I look forward to our collaborative efforts to create the best possible training environment for our students.

## NEW FACULTY ...

### Dr. Jennifer Theule



I am honoured to be joining the faculty at the University of Manitoba in what should be a very exciting appointment to Clinical and School Psychology. I come to my first faculty position following two years in the department as a sessional instructor and practicum supervisor in the School Psychology program. When not at the University, I filled my time in a busy private practice

where I worked with children, adolescents, and their families. Clinically, I have a particular interest in work with very young children (zero to six) and focused my time on work with this population.

Prior to arriving in Winnipeg, I graduated from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto (OISE/UT) with a Ph.D. in School and Clinical Child Psychology. My research focused on parenting stress, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), parental involvement in schools, and sibling conflict in families of children with ADHD. I also investigated the role of parental depression and parental ADHD in the families of children with ADHD, as both of these disorders are relatively common in parents of children with ADHD. In my research, I have used meta-analysis to help clarify these relationships and uncover as moderators, such as child gender, which affect the

relationship (or effect) between child ADHD symptoms and parenting stress.

My research plans going forward include building on my work with families of children with ADHD. In particular, I am interested in the bidirectional relationships between parent and child ADHD, given the strong genetic basis for this disorder. Bringing together my clinical experiences and research interests, I am also working on a meta-analysis focusing on psychotherapeutic interventions with very young children in attempt to start clarifying this literature.

Outside of the psychology world, I have lived in Vancouver, Toronto, and Burlington and my travels have taken me to over 25 countries, but I am thrilled to be back home in Winnipeg where I was born and raised.

Thanks for having me!

## NEW SUPPORT STAFF ...

### Debby Arnould, School Psychology



I am pleased to join the staff of the Department of Psychology and want to thank everyone for

the hearty welcome. I have been with the University of Manitoba for 24 years (twenty in the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, and Department of Surgery).

In my first career, I was an architectural draftsman. In 1984, I designed and we built the home my family lives in today. We have two grown children and live on an acreage which supports my main passion - horses. What I like most about horses is the relationship you can build with them, a feeling of trust, teamwork and harmony (sound like therapy?). My idea of having a good time is relaxing with a good book or watching a movie. I enjoy lazy mornings when my dog snuggles up in bed and the cat joins in by purring up near my shoulder.

This year, we've begun camping again since our kids were young. I look forward to our weekends, taking off down the road with our camper, bikes and kayaks in the back of the truck. Giddyup!

### Richmond Guzman, Animal Technician



First and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the warm acceptance

as one of the staff (animal technician) in the Department of Psychology.

I've been in Canada for more than three years now and my first job was an animal technician in a hog barn. I spent my three years in the barn working.

My family and I spend our free time going and searching for new parks in town where our kids can enjoy playing. We have two kids.

Our eldest is Richclyde John who is six years old and will be in Grade 1 for this school year, and Andrei Jordan who is three years old.

I love listening to music and playing the guitar sometimes ...

### Sue Law, Assistant to the Department Head



Things happen for a reason ...

I have been at the U of M for 28 years, 27 of them spent

at the Faculty of Law.

In July 2010 my position was discontinued so my search began, and I happily joined Psychology in December 2010. It was a little scary for me, having never been anywhere else but Law! However, with great people, and an even greater atmosphere, the transition hasn't been tough at all.

My husband and I love rock 'n roll and blues, and make our annual trek out to Rockin' the Fields of Minnedosa and Great Woods Music Festival every August. We go as much as we can to our shared cabin out in Laws Bay, Falcon Lake, bringing our two cats Bandito and Roxie with us, because they love it there too!

But our main passion is going anywhere in the Caribbean, Grenada in particular. Next year will be our fourth time, and we can't wait!

I look forward to many years here!

## PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT STAR!

### Stacey Sasaki



The Department of Psychology offers an annual prize of \$100 and a certificate to a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in Service, Teaching, and Research.

Stacey Sasaki was awarded the STAR award in 2011. In her time as a graduate student in our department, Stacey:

- co-authored 6 publications in excellent journals;
- taught several distance education courses and worked as a grader/marker for a variety of other courses;
- served as co-President and on the Executive of the Graduate Association of Students in Psychology, and acted as a graduate student representative on several different department committees.

Stacey recently was awarded the Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and is currently visiting at Northwestern University where she is studying with leading researchers in her field.

*Congratulations Stacey!*

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## SERVICE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE!

### Mary Kuzmeniuk with President David Barnard



Mary Kuzmeniuk, the Department's long-serving administrative assistant, was awarded a Service Award of Excellence by Learning and Development Services for 2011.

This award celebrates support staff members who have exhibited a high level of initiative, dedication and cooperation in their service to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

Mary has a busy and complex role in one of the largest departments at the University, with many diverse working partnerships. She is always well organized, friendly, warm, and thoughtful. Her encyclopedic knowledge and creativity have been essential in dealing with past challenges, like the Duff Roblin fire, and she will, no doubt, continue to be an invaluable resource as the department moves into the future. Her outstanding service and professionalism have affected the working lives of every member of the Psychology Department.

*Congratulations Mary!*

## FOCUS ON STUDENTS!

We are fortunate to have more than our share of truly outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. Several of these students were honoured with awards this past year:

Mie Kito

*2011 University of Manitoba Distinguished Dissertation Award (Social Sciences)*

Julie Erickson

*Betty Havens Memorial Fellowship (Centre on Aging)*

Rita Davie, Caroline Gryba, Ashley Pauls

*Canadian Psychological Association Certificates of Academic Excellence for the Honours Program*

Renée El-Gabalawy, Christine Henriksen, Eric Karaoylas

*Canadian Psychological Association Certificates of Academic Excellence for the M.A. Program*

Tamara Ansons, Mie Kito, Leanne Mak

*Canadian Psychological Association Certificates of Academic Excellence for the Ph.D. Program*

Yunqiao Wang

*Dean of Graduate Studies Poster Award (Canadian Student Health Research Forum)*

Christine Henriksen

*Esther & Samuel Milmot Scholarship (Centre on Aging)*

Stacey Sasaki

*Graduate Student STAR Award (Outstanding Achievement in Service, Teaching and Research)*

Christa Hole

*Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for Psychology 2010-11 (sponsored by the Canadian Departments of Psychology)*

Joanna Bhaskaran, Nick Brosowsky, Kylee Hurl, Sarah Raposo, Alexandra Smith

*Psychology Undergraduate Research Awards (\$6,000 to support full-time research with a Psychology Faculty member)*

Alejandra Zaragoza Scherman

*Susan W. Bell Award to support study of Developmental Disabilities*

Rita Davie

*Ten Have Award (Outstanding Honours Thesis)*

Natalie Mota

*Vineberg Research Prize (Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper)*

## CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

# GRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS OF PSYCHOLOGY (GASP)

Welcome new and continuing Psychology students!

We are thrilled to be taking over the position of co-presidents of GASP. We would like to thank the 2010-2011 GASP executive for their hard work and commitment to making the previous academic year a success. Our number one priority for this academic year is to promote interdisciplinary collaborations, both within Psychology and other related disciplines. With that said, we plan to hold events such as speaker series to expose students to ways that Psychology fits into other disciplines, a rapid fire colloquium where students will have the opportunity to briefly present their current research, and social events which will allow students the opportunity to get to know other students outside of their respective programs.

We very much look forward to serving as your co-presidents and we are open to hearing your ideas. Have a wonderful 2011-2012 academic year!



Kristin Reynolds



Renée El-Gabalawy

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## NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

### *Applied Behaviour Analysis*

Ashley Boris  
Lindsay Dodson  
Flavia Julio  
Christine Sousa

### *Brain & Cognitive Sciences*

Althea Ambosta  
Jeffrey Doering  
Kurt Schall

### *Clinical*

Joanna Bhaskaran  
Ryan Nicholson  
Sandra Salem  
Danielle Turnbull  
Yunqiao Wang  
Lydia Worobec

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Melissa Reimchen

### *School Psychology*

Haidee Baker  
Patrick Binne  
Julie Bonk  
Melanie Caister  
Kimberly Froese  
Erica Holliday Hurst  
George Lancaster  
Jordie Skinner  
Jonathan Viel

### *Social and Personality*

Ben Schellenberg  
Tamara Sucharyna



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? MEET LEE BAUGH



After completing my B.A. (Hons) in psychology, with a minor in legal studies and criminology, I went on to my graduate work (M. A. and Ph.D) at the University of Manitoba. Working with Dr. Murray Singer allowed me to continue my examination of reading processes in skilled readers. Once exposed to a course in functional neuroimaging, taught by Dr. Jonathan Marotta, my focus changed. After all these years of learning that cognitive processes are inferred from overt behavioural measures, I had been exposed to a dependent variable that is (almost) a direct measure of activity within a participant's brain.

I was hooked, and after completing my Masters degree examining how the multiple goals of narrative characters are represented in a reader's memory of a discourse, I made the switch into Dr. Jonathan Marotta's lab to receive training

in this exciting research methodology. There, I studied how visuomotor abilities vary as a function of the natural aging process and examined the neurological correlates of such task performance.

After completing my doctoral degree, I undertook post-doctoral training at the Centre for Neuroscience Studies at Queen's University with Dr. Randy Flanagan. While here, I have been exposed to an entirely new perspective for addressing issues in skilled movement acquisition and maintenance, rounding out my background to include elements of cognitive psychology, functional neuroimaging, computational neuroscience, and motor kinematics. I recently accepted a tenure-track position with the Basic Biomedical Sciences Neurogroup at the Sanford School of Medicine, University of South Dakota, and will be taking up the position in December of this year.

My current research focus examines how humans acquire and utilize skilled movement in a variety of circumstances. Movement is the only way we have to interact with our

surroundings. Whether we want to move to a more comfortable chair, speak to our colleagues, or play a round of golf, movement of one form or another is required. By combining my training in cognitive psychology, advanced analysis of movement kinematics, neuroimaging, and patient studies, I am able to examine how skilled actions are planned, learned, and controlled. Although we have created chess playing computer that can best grand masters, and even knowledge searching computers that can dominate over human players in Jeopardy, we have yet to create a robot with the manual dexterity of a four year old child! Of course, a true understanding of how humans both attain and maintain this remarkable skill set allows us to better model other less overt systems within the brain, has a direct impact on both functional assessment and rehabilitation regimens following brain injury or disease, allows for the creation of medical supportive devices that capitalize on functioning systems, and has implications in engineering fields such as prosthetics and telerobotics.

# UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (UPSA)

With the start of a new school year, come new and exciting opportunities. The UPSA executives would like to wish you all the best in achieving your academic success this year. UPSA is a student run organization committed to representing all undergraduate psychology students in their academic endeavours by providing services. Our goal is to provide students with opportunities to meet people in the program. In addition, we aim to offer students information forwarded by the department, provide seminars and guest speakers on graduate school and careers in psychology, tutoring services, and provide academic support to students in aiding their success.

Keep an eye out for some fun events UPSA has planned for the year. With the success of last year's Wine & Cheese, UPSA hopes to continue the tradition, along with fundraisers and social events. You can also keep up to date with the latest UPSA news by checking out our Facebook page or our website at <http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~upsa/>. UPSA is always looking for energetic students to get involved on our executive team or as a volunteer. All interested parties are asked to contact Stephany Huynh at [upsa@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:upsa@cc.umanitoba.ca).

Best of luck to everyone, and we hope to see you all at the upcoming events!

Stephany Huynh UPSA President 2011-2012

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## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

We would love to hear about what you have been doing since graduating with a degree in psychology from the University of Manitoba.

Let us know what position you currently hold, tell us about your family, etc.

We would like to share this information with staff and students and other former alumni, through features such as those in this issue.

In short, let's hear from you!

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