Congratulations to Dr. George Bednarczyk, who wins this award in 2015. The selection follows his nomination for the award by students or peers, and submission of a teaching dossier for review by the Teaching Evaluation Committee. George will be recognized on the Teaching Award plaque in P412 Duff Roblin, and he will give the annual teaching address in our colloquium series in 2015-16. Not your standard staff photo (but the only one we could find), George is shown here courtesy of the Winnipeg Free Press at the start of a cycling event that he and others founded in 1994 to raise money for Habitat For Humanity. You can find more about the event [here](#), and register to ride it yourself [this weekend](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Jacquie Vorauer on her appointment as Associate Editor of Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin. PSPB is the official journal of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology and among the highest-ranking journals internationally in social psychology.

Congratulations to Dr. Harvey Keselman. In the week of July 20, Harvey’s publications received 122 new views on ResearchGate, making him the most widely viewed researcher in our department.

Congratulations to Renée El-Gabalawy, winner of the Medical University of South Carolina Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Psychology Internship Program Clinical Excellence Award. Renee also successfully defended her Ph.D. in July!

Did you know ...?

In 2013, the Obama administration issued orders to the heads of NSF, NIH, and other scientific funding agencies to increase public access to the results of federally funded research in the US. The results include not just reports and publications, but data – defined as “the digital recorded factual material commonly accepted in the scientific community as necessary to validate research findings.” Federal agencies in Canada are certain to follow this lead, making data management plans a likely component to be added to grant applications. The U of M Libraries are currently surveying researchers to find out what practices they are using now to archive data, and to determine how they can help. You can take their 10-minute survey [here](#).
Collaborations

**Corey Mackenzie** is 1 of 33 co-applicants, and **Renée El-Gabalawy, Christine Henriksen**, and **Natalie Mota** are 3 of 8 collaborators, on **Jitender Sareen’s** 7-year, $1,886,073 CIHR Foundations Scheme Grant: “Defining the longitudinal course, outcomes, and treatment needs of vulnerable Canadians with Posttraumantic Stress Disorder.”

Graduate students, **Katie Thom** and **Karen Penner**, completed mindfulness (.b) instructor certification and provided workshops for peers at the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists conference, Canadian Conference on Developmental Disabilities and Autism, and for teens with autism at St. Amant.

International Exchange and Conference Presentations

**Alex Cristia**, developmental psycholinguist from Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) and colleague of **Melanie Soderstrom**, presented a colloquium here in July. Melanie makes the reverse trip to co-present a workshop/conference in Paris this December.


Manitoba Connections

**Allison Dyck** and **Tammy Ivanco** presented two posters at the **Manitoba Neuroscience Network Meeting** in June: “Brain Plasticity After Concussion in Young Rats: Brain Change without Behavioural Change” and “Perception and Action in a Rodent Model of Autism.”

**Roxanne Boily** and **Janine Montgomery** published an article in the Manitoba Association of School Psychologists **PSYN Post** newsletter: “Emotional Intelligence in Teens With and Without Autism Spectrum Disorders.”

**Dan Bailis** gave an interview on road rage and aggression to the **Winnipeg Sun**.

Save the date: Fall Get-Together!
Thursday, September 10, at 4:00 PM in Marshall MacLuhan Hall.
Spotlight on Developmental Disabilities Research

Here are 8 recent papers authored or co-authored by faculty and students in Psychology on the subject of autism spectrum disorders and related assessments and services:


Summer Thesis Defenses


Matthew Quesnel, “Increasing Openness to Outgroup Members’ Persuasive Appeals,” M.A. Thesis Defense, Wednesday, August 5, 1PM, P412 Duff Roblin.


