Kudos to Rayleen De Luca!


Dr. Rayleen De Luca was appointed to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) National Ad Hoc Committee on the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Persons.

Dr. Rayleen De Luca served as Session Chair for the Mosaic Conference, *A matter of lifedeath*, October, 2014.

Kudos to Joe Pear!

At the Third Sarasota Symposium for Behavior Analysis, in Sarasota, FL, Oct 3-5, 2014, Dr. Joe Pear gave a talk entitled “Is it time to consider giving the study of learning a unique name?”

Did you know …?

Last year, the University of Manitoba Bookstore paid over $517,000 to students in exchange for used textbooks. Additional savings were realized by students who then bought those used books at a lower price, compared with new. New books are often ordered and sold with an access code to online content that supplements the main text. Sometimes that material is important to the course. When it isn’t, however, instructors should know that including the access code in the order might mean that no used copies of the book can be stocked or sold through the Bookstore. Grant Barr and Sharon Pearce can help you (and your students) with this aspect of navigating your textbook orders and specifying the content that you think students should have.

UPSAcoming Event!

A bake sale by the Undergraduate Psychology Student Association will be held October 28th starting at 8:30 a.m. in the tunnels between Duff Roblin and Human Ecology.

Save the date … for our Department of Psychology Holiday Lunch on Friday, December 5, 2014! The location and menus are still to be arranged, so stay tuned. We will again hold ticket sales in advance ($20 includes lunch, taxes, and tip), nearer the end of term.
What did Penny Pexman say?

We all know that language is an abstract, symbolic representation, and that certain parts of the brain are involved in getting the meaning out of individual words. But if you heard Dr. Penny Pexman’s talk last week, to a full house in Psychology, you’re probably thinking differently today about just how abstract and symbolic the representational system is, and which parts of the brain are involved. Some words refer to objects and actions that people interact with in a bodily way, involving sensory and motor systems, whereas other words have less of a bodily component to what they mean. In her research at the University of Calgary, Pexman has scaled the relative position of many, many words along this dimension. Her studies then show that our ability to recognize and categorize words depends on our bodily experience with the referent, and the brain areas involved in complex motor processing of those body-object interactions have a role to play in reading comprehension as well. Since the last edition of Head’s Up!, we enjoyed another outstanding presentation on cognition and teaching-interventions for children with developmental disabilities by Dr. James E. Carr, Chief Executive Officer of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. Next, we welcome Dr. Robert J. Vallerand -- see below and see you there!

Zubek Lecture
Dr. Robert J. Vallerand, Université du Québec à Montréal
Friday, October 24, 2014,
Refreshments at 2:30pm, P408 Duff Roblin
Talk at 3:00 pm, P412 Duff Roblin
Wine and Cheese to follow talk