2014 Vineberg Award Address

Kristin Reynolds, winner of the Vineberg Research Prize in Psychology for the best research report of 2014, delivered her address on the subject of Men’s Sheds. Her comments emphasized the value and importance of community programs for preventing loneliness and isolation and promoting positive mental health among older men, as well as the value and rigour of qualitative research methods in psychology. Doug Mackie, the founder of Men’s Sheds in Canada, attended the talk. Following the Vineberg address, we held Researchpalooza, our annual in-house research meeting and poster session for graduate research in Psychology. Congratulations to Katelin Neufeld, Danielle Gaucher, Katherine Starzyk, and Gregory Boese, co-authors of Overcoming barriers to social change: Evoking feelings of community connection increases support for addressing system-threatening injustice.

Recent “In Press” Notices ...


Schellenberg, B. J. I., & Bailis, D. S. The two roads of passionate goal pursuit: links with appraisal, coping, and academic achievement. Anxiety, Stress, and Coping.

The next issue of Head’s Up! will appear on Monday, April 6, 2015. News to relate? Don’t hesitate! Send it to Sue at sue.law@umanitoba.ca
Erin Braun Janzen has won the Emerging Leader Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions by students to the enhancement of our community. As a research assistant with Dr. Katherine Starzyk, Erin explored public support for clean and running water in First Nations communities and helped to organize an interdisciplinary water conference hosted by the Centre for Human Rights Research last June. The conference brought together scholars, students, elders, and First Nations community members to discuss water issues.

Christine Henriksen has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard/McLean Hospital’s OCD Institute for 2015-16.

Jolene Kinley has accepted a position with the Department of Clinical Health Psychology through the Interlake Health Regional Authority in Oakbank, Manitoba.

Genevieve Roy-Wsiaki, Ph.D. student and professeure de psychologie à l’Université de Saint-Boniface has agreed to be the Canadian Translator/Correspondent for Operants, a quarterly publication of The B.F. Skinner Foundation. Genevieve will translate the Presidential Column into French, write pieces about behavior analytic events in Canada, and interview leaders in the field.
More New Funding!

Dr. Ray Perry, in collaboration with Dr. Steve Hladkyj, Dr. Launa Leboe-McGowan, and Dr. Jason Leboe-McGowan applied successfully to the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund for support of their project “A Motivation-Enhancing Treatment Intervention to Assist Students in an Online Learning Environment (MILE-Online).”

More New Positions!

All four Clinical Psychology Ph.D. students who applied for internships successfully matched to strong, accredited sites for September 2015. Michelle Choch matched to the Northern Ontario Psychology Internship Consortium (Adult Rotation) in Thunder Bay. Judy Kienas matched to the University of Manitoba Counseling Psychology Internship. Karen O’Brien matched to the Queen Elizabeth II Health Science Centre Psychology Internship in Halifax, and Kristin Reynolds matched to the University of Manitoba Clinical Health Psychology Internship (Adult stream).

Have you ever thought about …?

… the skills that you study, and who are your closest colleagues as defined by their studying related skills? Of course you have! But it is fun to re-imagine Psychology by reshuffling teachers and investigators into different groups, for example: Language and Discourse Processes, Critical Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning, Sensorimotor Processes and Human Performance, Social Skills and Attachment Dynamics, Learning and Self-Improvement, Coping, and so on. Are you having fun yet? Either way, it might please you to know, our current strategic plan is still in effect through 2018.