Reminders

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April 2: Last day to withdraw from a course.

April 9: First day of registration for summer/fall 1999.

April 30: Deadline for submitting signed approval thesis/dissertation to the Dean’s office.

Mar 10: Faculty meeting, 3:00 p.m., 135 Heyne.

Mar 12: Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m. in Heyne (room to be announced). Contact Mary Ordonez for agenda items.

Mar 12: Deadline for applications to the Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.


Mar 19: Office closed for Spring Break.

News and Notes

New Instructional Copy Policy

W-2 Forms

NIH Publishes FY 1998 Award Rankings

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has published its FY 1998 rankings of institutions with respect to NIH awards. As in the past, both institutional and individual department rankings are available. The institutional rankings also show the number and types of awards made. A listing of all NIH statistical reports available online can be found at http://www.nih.gov/grants/award/award.htm on the Internet. To locate the institutional rankings, click on “NIH Extramural Awards Ranking Tables.”
Psychological Assessment Lecture
Mark Morris’ PSY 4347 Tests and Measurements class recently hosted a prominent expert in psychological assessment on Monday, February 22nd. Dr. Tom Cayton from The Psychological Corporation delivered a guest lecture on Advances in Psychological Assessment. Dr. Cayton is in charge of all psychological testing software development at the largest test developer in the world, and he discussed PC-based testing issues and demonstrated some of the latest applications.

GSC Announcements
Mark Morris and I recently turned in a proposal for the graduate/instructional facility (GIF), formerly known as the bullpen, based on the consensus reached at our last GSC meeting. We have worked with the department to maximize the support for graduate instructors, assistants and students given the limited space available to us, and the fact that future needs may change. We are glad to report that the department has met a majority of our requests and that we are currently finalizing the details with regard to phones and secured space. Graduate students can look forward to the 24-hour availability of computer facilities and a conference room for meeting with their students and research assistants. In addition, we have for the first time a designated area within the GIF that will facilitate informal interaction between graduate students from all programs. For further details, please contact your area reps and as always let us know how we can support you. Our next meeting will be Friday the 26th.
--Aruni Nanayakkara

What’s New In Research
Dr. Dale L. Johnson, Professor, was elected chair of the American Psychological Association Task Force on Serious Mental Illness at the Task Force meeting in Washington on Feb. 6, 1999.

Dr. Alex Siegel, Professor, has been named a Consulting Editor for Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Six developmental graduate students, Jill Anderson (who works with Jennifer Hays at the Baylor Women's Health Initiative Project), Oscar Cabrera, Laura Faria, Rebecca Robertson, Lori Scovill, & Laurie Smith, have all had abstracts accepted for the upcoming April meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) in Albuquerque, NM. Congratulations to all!

Publications, Presentations, & Workshops

A REPORT ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE:
The neuropsychologists in the department, Drs. Francis, Hannay, Hiscock, Krull, and Massman, recently attended the Twenty-Seventh Annual International Neuropsychological Society Conference, February 10-13, 1999 in Boston where all of them presented papers as did many of our students. It was a very successful meeting with the third largest attendance in the history of the organization. Alumni of the Clinical Neuropsychology Program and students currently in the Clinical Neuropsychology Track of the Clinical Program had an opportunity to meet each other at the first of what is likely to be an annual Houston Party. Dr. Hannay’s Presidential address, entitled “An ounce of prevention...”, encouraged neuropsychologists to become involved in research designed to understand the mechanisms of secondary damage following head injury and its prevention. A list server which will permit the Alumni, current faculty and students to stay in touch with each other, and to discuss issues in the field, pass along job and training opportunities etc. is about to get up and running. Further, Anne de Winter, a recent graduate of the Clinical Neuropsychology program, received the Butters Post Doctoral Award at the meeting. Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of Houston has come of age and has achieved a very respected position nationally.

FACULTY AND STUDENT PRESENTATIONS FROM THIS CONFERENCE:


D. Caudle, K. Krull, J. Fletcher, C. Schatschneider, & S. Caudle. Differences in Internalizing and Externalizing Behaviors Between Children Diagnosed With Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Combined Type, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Predominantly Inattentive Type.

L.C. Cole & G. Glosser. Use of the WAIS-R Digit Symbol Incidental Recall Test as a Measure of Memory in Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Patients.


P.J. Massman & R.S. Doody. Phonemic Cueing and Naming in Alzheimer's Disease: Which Patients Benefit Most?


M.A. Struchen, H.J. Hannay, C. Contant, & G.S. Robertson. The Relation Between Acute Physiological Variables and Outcome on the Glasgow Outcome Scale (GOS) and Disability Rating Scale (DRS) Following Severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).


DEPARTMENT ALUMNI PRESENTATIONS FROM THIS CONFERENCE:
L.H. Barker, C. Boake, & W.M. High, Jr. An Examination of Aging Effects Across the Adult Life-Span on Functional Outcome Following Traumatic Brain Injury.


A. de Winter, B. Moore, J. Slopis, & E. Jackson. Relationship of Corpus Callosum Morphology to Symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Children Diagnosed With Neurofibromatosis, Type I.

K.A. Epsy, I.M. Moore, P.M. Kaufmann, J. Kramer, J.J. Hutter, & K. Mathay. Treatment-Related Change in Neuropsychologic Function in Children With Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.


WEB SLINGING
Take advantage of the many hours we’ve spent sifting through web sites to uncover the gems vital to graduate student survival and prosperity. 

Want to know where to get an electronic copy of that Human Subjects Application form? Boning up for the licensing exam? Interested in how programs measure up? These sites focus on key information for the professional practice of psychology.

http://donald.osp.uh.edu/osp/Preaward/CPHS/1B.htm
Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects Application (downloadable)

http://www.asppb.org/
Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards-includes licensing test content and cut scores

http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/
Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists licensing info

http://www.wesleyan.edu/spn/ranking.htm
1995 National Research Council Rankings of Psychology PhD programs

http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/beyond/gradrank/gbpsych.htm
1998 US News Rankings of Psychology PhD programs and specialties

On The Lighter Side
Subject: NEW TRAVEL POLICIES
Due to the current financial situation, changes will be made to the Business Travel Standards and Procedures Manual. Effective Monday the following revised procedures apply:

Lodging. All employees are encouraged to stay with relatives and friends while on business travel. If weather permits, public areas such as parks should be used as temporary lodging sites. Bus terminals, train stations, and office lobbies may provide shelter in periods of inclement weather.

Transportation. Hitch-hiking is the preferred mode of travel in lieu of commercial transport. Luminescent safety vests will be issued to all employees prior to their departure on business trips. Bus transportation will be used only when work schedules require such travel. Airline tickets will be authorized in extreme circumstances and the lowest fares will be used. For example, if a meeting is scheduled in Seattle, but the lower fare can be obtained by traveling to Detroit, then travel to Detroit will be substituted for travel to Seattle.

Meals. Expenditures for meals will be limited to an absolute minimum. It should be noted that certain grocery and specialty chains, such as Hickory Farms, General Nutrition centers, Costco, and Sam's Club often provide free samples of promotional items. Entire meals can be obtained in this manner.

Travelers should also be familiar with indigenous roots, berries, and other protein sources available at their destinations. If restaurants must be utilized, travelers should use “all you can eat” salad bars. This is especially effective for employees traveling together as one plate can be used to feed the entire group. Employees are also encouraged to bring their own food on business travel. Cans of tuna fish, Spam, and Beeferoni can be consumed at your leisure without the necessary bother of heating or costly preparation.

Miscellaneous. All employees are encouraged to devise innovative techniques in effort to save company dollars. One enterprising individual has already suggested that money could be raised during airport layover periods, which could be used to defray travel expenses. In support of this idea, red caps will be issued to all employees prior to their departure so that they may earn tips by helping others with their luggage. Small plastic roses and ball point pens will also be available to employees so that sales may be made as time permits. We welcome any suggestions for further cost cutting.

--The Management

Coffee Break
Congratulations to Amy Franklin, an independent study student of Dr. Roy Lachman’s who has been accepted to the cognitive psychology graduate program at the University of Chicago. Amy is receiving full support for her graduate studies and is also having her way paid for a visit to their department this month. Amy is also a Psy Chi member here at UH.

Computing Notes
A reminder for when your computer acts up: First log off, shut your computer down, wait a few minutes, and then restart. If you still have the problem, then consult PsychService@uh.edu.

PsychoPhiles is published monthly. Submissions should be sent to Suzanne Kieffer at kieffer@uh.edu or directed to the business office. All submissions are subject to editing for space and content.