

# Psycho Philes

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## Reminders

☞ Teaching a fall course? Don't forget to order your textbooks! See Sherry Rivera in the Academic Office.

☞ **July 26:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade for Summer Session IV.

☞ **July 31:** Last day of Summer Enrollment period to change insurance coverage for the year. Contact the Human Resources Office.

☞ **August 4:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw for Summer Session IV.

☞ **August 12:** Deadline for submitting signed approved master's original and two copies of a thesis or dissertation for binding.

☞ **August 13:** Deadline for applications to the Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

☞ **August 13:** Staff meeting 10:00 a.m. in the clinic. Contact Gwen Moore for agenda items.

☞ **August 16:** Last day of classes for Summer Session IV.

## News and Notes

### ❖ Graduate Tuition Fellowship Information

The following is a **draft** of the policy that will guide the new Graduate Tuition Fellowship Program. This policy may still undergo revisions. Also, the procedure for graduate students to apply for the Fellowship will consist of a form for students to complete each semester. The final version of this application form has not yet been received by the department. Upon receipt, the department will notify graduate students of the exact procedure.

#### Policy:

- I. Graduate students who are determined by the Office of Graduate & Professional Studies to be eligible for support under this program will be awarded a fellowship amount equal to the student's tuition and designated tuition charges for nine credit hours for each fall and spring semester of eligibility. This tuition fellowship program does not cover mandatory fees or course fees which will remain the obligation of the student.
- II. The program is effective beginning September 1, 1999 and will be administered by the Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies.
- III. In order to be eligible for a tuition fellowship, a graduate student must meet all of the conditions listed below:
  - A. The student must be matriculated and in good academic standing in a University of Houston program that leads to a master's or doctoral degree. Students classified as post-baccalaureate are not eligible.
  - B. The student must be awarded stipend support for the full academic semester under one of the following titles only: Teaching Assistant (TA), Teaching Fellow (TF), Research Assistant (RA), or Graduate Assistant (GA). The stipend must be administered through the UH payroll office.
  - C. The student must be supported at 0.50 FTE, must be paid his or her stipend through a salary, and the stipend award must be at least \$4,000 for each long semester (fall or spring).
  - D. The student can not have received more than ten semesters of support as a graduate student at UH. Students will be eligible for up to two years (four long semesters) of support in a master's degree program, and up to three additional years (six long semesters) of support in a doctoral program. Students who have not completed the doctoral degree after ten semesters of support will not be eligible for further support in the TA, TF, RA, or GA categories. (Previous summer session support as a TA, TF, RA, or GA will not be counted against the ten-semester limit.)

E. The student must be registered for a minimum of nine semester credit hours

for the full semester of the award.  
Tuition for any additional credit hours in

which the student enrolls over the minimum of nine will be charged to the student who will be responsible for payment. (The nine credit hour minimum applies only to courses taken for graduate credit toward the student's degree objective. It may include undergraduate courses taken for graduate credit but may not include audited courses.)

- F. Students must maintain the nine credit hour minimum registration throughout the semester. Those who drop classes or otherwise fail to maintain the minimum registration requirements, or who do not meet all of the criteria for eligibility, will have their tuition fellowship revoked retroactively and will be billed for full tuition and designated tuition charges.
- G. Tuition fellowship awards will not be granted retroactively (prior to September 1, 1999).
- H. The current practice of waiving the non-resident portion of tuition for all full-time TA, TF, RA, and GA appointees who meet eligibility requirements in accordance with State Education Code 54.063 is not affected by the Graduate Tuition Fellowship program.
- I. Notification of updates or changes in eligibility is the responsibility of the hiring department.

If you have any questions regarding the draft of this policy, please contact Suzanne Kieffer ([kieffer@uh.edu](mailto:kieffer@uh.edu), or (713) 743-8504).

## What's New In Research

### Presidential Review Directive

The National Science and Technology Council (NTSC) has issued its report entitled, "Renewing the Federal Government/University Research Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

The full text of the report is now located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/NTSC/html/prd4.html>.

Comments on the report's recommendations can be entered at the Federal Demonstration Partnership website at <http://www.fdp3.org/prd>.

The National Center for Responsible Gaming has appointed **Dr. Richard I. Evans** to serve on the Planning Committee for the forthcoming research conference co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health to be held at Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri. Other details concerning this conference will be forthcoming.

The Board of Governors of the Institute for Advanced Study of Indiana University has invited **Dr. Richard I. Evans** to serve as a Visiting Fellow. Further details concerning this invitation will be forthcoming.

In recent weeks, **Dr. Richard I. Evans** has appeared on several commercial television and radio shows discussing social psychological aspects of the Littleton, Colorado incident and the hate crimes and homicides in Illinois committed by the Indiana University student white supremacist.

On June 15, 1999, **Dr. Kevin R. Krull** was awarded Diplomate status in Clinical Neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

### PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Badr, H. & Acitelli, L.K. (1999, June). How attachment style and perceptions of housework are related to perceptions of marital equity and marital satisfaction. Presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Louisville, KY.

Boon, S. D., & Knee, C. R. (1999, June). When the glass is half-empty: Framing effects and evaluations of a romantic partner's attributes. Poster presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Louisville, KY.

Evans, R. I. (1999, June). An Emerging Challenge To Prevention Researchers: Problem Gambling and Co-Morbid Behaviors over the Life Course. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research, New Orleans, LA.

Garrido, E.F. & Acitelli, L.K. (1999, June). Relational identity and the division of labor inside and outside the home. Presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Louisville, KY.

Hatzer, H. P., & Knee, C. R. (1999, June). Implicit theories of relationships: Growth belief, commitment, and likelihood of fidelity. Poster presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Louisville, KY.

Knee, C.R., Nanayakkara, A., Vietor, N. A., & Neighbors, C. (1999, June). Implicit theories of relationships: Who cares if romantic partners are less than ideal? Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Louisville, KY.

Poehlmann, K. M., Lynch, M. E., & Oleson, K. C. (1999, June). Subjective overachievers and self-handicappers: Sources of self-worth. In R. M. Arkin & K. C. Oleson (Chairs), *Beyond self-esteem: Self-protection, threat, and self-worth*. Symposium

conducted at the meeting of the American Psychological Society, Denver, CO.

Sherman, A. M., & Massman, P. J. (1999). Prevalence and correlates of category versus letter fluency discrepancies in Alzheimer's disease. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 14, 411-418.

At the NAMI (The National Association for the Mentally Ill) convention in Chicago in July, **Dr. Dale Johnson** presented a review of cognitive behavior therapy for schizophrenia and **Dr. Gordon Paul** offered a workshop on his social learning program.

## Computing Notes

### New Psychology Web Page

The Department is pleased to announce that its new web page is up and running. Please visit at [www.psychology.uh.edu](http://www.psychology.uh.edu). The page may also be reached through the main UH web page ([www.uh.edu](http://www.uh.edu)) by going through the College of Social Sciences. Certain sections are still under construction and the department is working on developing the next "layer" of information, including information on our research projects and for and about our graduate students. Many thanks to all those who helped (and are continuing to help) create and improve this site, including **Oscar Cabrera, Rob Davis, Dr. Roy Lachman, Amy McQueen, Mark Morris, Dr. Chet Robie, and Sean Woodward.**

### User Support's New Location

Psychology User Support has moved! The User Support Office is now located in Room 240A of the Heyne Building. As always, please contact [psychservice@uh.edu](mailto:psychservice@uh.edu) if you need computer support.

PsychoPhiles is published monthly. Submissions should be sent to Suzanne Kieffer at [kieffer@uh.edu](mailto:kieffer@uh.edu) or directed to the business office (Room 126 Heyne). All submissions are subject to editing for space and content.



**Elaine Barry**, a developmental graduate student, and her husband are proud to announce the birth of their third son, Colin Andrew Barry. Colin was born at 3:00 a.m. on July 8, 1999 and weighed in at 8lbs, 14oz. Congratulations!

**Tricia Spinks**, the department's senior academic advisor, left her position on June 25, 1999. She served in the academic office for 6 and ½ years. We will miss her and her wealth of experience. Best wishes, Tricia!

## On The Lighter Side

## GUIDE TO THE TERMINOLOGY OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

In each couplet, the first is the phrase as it appears in the scientific literature; the second is the translation as to what it really means:

It has long been known that...  
I haven't bothered to look up the original reference.

A preliminary examination revealed...  
One of my grad students pointed this out to me.

Four samples were chosen for further study.  
The others didn't make sense, so we ignored them.

Typical results are shown.  
The best results are shown.

Not inconsistent with other determinations, given our current limited understanding of this field...  
Meaningless

The significance of these results is unclear.  
Look at the pretty artifact.

Of great theoretical importance...  
I got a paper out of it.

Of great practical importance as well...  
I got a grant out of it, too.

These investigations proved highly rewarding...  
My grant is going to be renewed.

Thanks are due to Joe Blow for laboratory assistance and to Jane Doe for many valuable discussions...  
Joe did all the work, and Jane explained it to me.