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Reminders

👉 **Oct 20:** Faculty meeting
3:00–4:00 p.m. in Room 135
Heyne.

👉 **Oct 25:** Conflict of Interest
Certification forms from Faculty
due back to Suzanne Kieffer.

👉 **Oct 31:** Daylight Saving Time
ends.

👉 **Nov 2:** Election Day.

👉 **Nov 5:** Deadline for
applications to the Social
Sciences Committee for the
Protection of Human Subjects.

👉 **Nov 5:** Last day for students
to withdraw from a Fall 1999
class.

👉 **Nov 12:** Staff meeting 10:00
a.m. at the clinic. Contact
Yolizma Zapata for agenda
items.

👉 **Nov 17:** Faculty meeting
3:00–4:00 p.m. in Room 135
Heyne.

👉 **Nov 25-26:** Thanksgiving
Holiday. Department offices will
be closed.

News and Notes

❖ Research Financial Services Interim Service Plan

Research Financial Services (formerly the Office of Grants and Contracts) has distributed the following contact information for October 1999 (all rooms listed are in E. Cullen):

- Betin Bilir-Santos, Executive Director
Betin is the authorized institutional signatory on all proposals.
Telephone 713-743-3254 fax 713-743-9577 bbilir@uh.edu Room 316A
- Barbara (Bobbie) DeHaven, Assistant Director
Bobbie is the primary contact and authorized institutional signer for contracts.
Telephone 713-743-9240 fax 713-743-9577 bdehaven@uh.edu Room 316E
- Pat De Hoop, Grants & Contracts Administrator
Pat will handle Dept. of Ed., EPA, SBA, local agencies, private profit, and foundations (other than Welch).
Telephone 713-743-9239 pdehoop@uh.edu Room 325
- Sharon Cole, Grants & Contracts Administrator
Sharon will handle NASA, DOD, DOE, State Agencies (other than THECB), Welch Foundation.
Telephone 713-743-9238 sacole@uh.edu Room 326
- Marc Archambault, Proposal Specialist
Marc will handle NSF, NIH, DOJ, DOC, VA, THECB (ARP/ATP) and also coordinate the submission of interdisciplinary program proposals.
Telephone 713-743-9205 mlarchambault@central.uh.edu Room 324
- Lois Kerschen, Grants & Contracts Administrator
Lois will handle NEA, NEH, private non-profit, and universities.
Telephone 713-743-9237 lkerschen@uh.edu Room 321
- For walk throughs or tracking expenditure documents or proposals,
please contact: Becky Ramirez (x39220) or Geraldine Sonnier
(x39235) Room 330

❖ Academic Advising Assistant

Irene Flores will be joining the Academic Affairs Office as an Advising Assistant on November 10. Ms. Flores is coming to our department from the Office of Registration and Academic Records where she has served as a customer service representative. She will be filling the position left vacant by Ms. Sherry Rivera (who is now the Coordinator of Academic Affairs for that office).

❖ Welcome Dr. Kerang Zhang

Dr. Kerang Zhang will be visiting the Department of Psychology for a year beginning the end of October. Dr. Zhang is Professor and Vice-Director of the Department of Mental Health at Shanxi Medical University in China. Dr. Zhang will be working on research with **Dr. Thomas Power** on assessing, predicting, preventing, and ameliorating psychological disorders in adolescents and young adults.

From the Academic Office

▼ **Special Advising Hours:** To better accommodate the needs of Psychology undergraduates, the Academic Affairs Office is offering (1) Walk-In and (2) Senior-Only advising hours. Walk-In advising is on Wednesdays only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from October 6 to December 15, 1999. Advising by appointment is available the remaining days of the work week. On Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., advising appointments are reserved for seniors only from November 1 to December 13, 1999 and January 3-31, 2000.

GSC News

The Graduate Student Council is proud to welcome our new members. The first GSC meeting will be from 3-4 PM on Thursday, October 21st in the GIF conference room. All are welcome to attend.

Dear GSC members:

I am delighted to welcome our new Co-Chairpersons Mark Morris and Nancy Olson. Along with Oscar Cabrera (Developmental Rep.), Steve Richins and Jason Etchegaray (I/O Reps.), Amy McQueen and Valerie Bussell (Social Reps) and Jennifer Adams and Alexis Llewellyn (Clinical Reps), they will comprise our new GSC for the academic year 1999-2000. These new and continuing members will replace Jim Bridges (Clinical Rep.), Anika Gakovic (IO rep.), Aimee James (Social Rep.), Laurie Smith (Dev. Rep.), and myself. I was indeed fortunate to have worked with such a dynamic and dedicated group of members who found time in their busy schedules as teaching fellows and assts., students and research assts., to work towards representing the needs of all graduate students. As a result, graduate students have for the first time:

- * A 24 hour computer lab (we will no longer be kicked out at 5 PM!)
- * 2 phones for our exclusive use
- * A graduate student lounge for our informal needs
- * A graduate student conference room for our teaching and research needs along with filing cabinets
- * Lockers for securing our valuables
- * A GSC Web page
- * Standardized forms for recruiting experimental participants
- * Regular information updates channeled through Psychophiles and listserve

In addition, we furthered an atmosphere of trust and cooperation among dept. administrators, faculty and graduate students enabling us to represent our needs at faculty and educational committee meetings during a time of great changes in departmental structure and facilities.

All this was possible because we worked as a team and established a foundation for future GSCs by creating the very first official GSC constitution now framed and hung in the GIF. Now all graduate students can know what to expect from their representatives. I have every confidence that the new GSC will continue the great strides taken by the former council as they work toward bringing in speakers and establishing valuable cooperative relationships with other departments in the social sciences.

During the past 12 months, I have enjoyed working with GSC members and yes, found GSC work a rewarding and worthwhile experience. So please join me in congratulating our new GSC representatives as we extend a big thank you to our outgoing members.

Aruni Nanayakkara
GSC Chairperson, 1998 -1999

What's New In Research

Dr. Dale Johnson will be attending a meeting of the board of the World Fellowship for Schizophrenia and Allied Disorders in Perugia, Italy. He is vice president of the organization. While in Perugia the board and guests from Russia, Uganda, India, Argentina and South Africa will take part in training by Dr. Ian Falloon on comprehensive treatment of serious mental illnesses.

On September 24, 1999, **Dr. Lynn P. Rehm** was the featured speaker for the Houston Psychological Association's monthly luncheon meeting. The topic was "The Future of Psychology" and he discussed the implications of changing technologies for psychological practice.

Dr. Lynn P. Rehm will be receiving the Texas Psychological Association's annual "Distinguished Contributions to Science" award on November 13, 1999. This award will be presented at the President's Banquet during the TPA convention in San Antonio, at the Omni San Antonio.

RESEARCH AWARDS

Preventing Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies after a Jail Term. 3 years, funded by the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. UH Principal Investigator: **Dr. Mary Marden Velasquez**. UH Co-Principal Investigator: **Dr. Joseph P. Carbonari**.

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

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Babcock, J. C., Eckhardt, C. I., Yerington, T., Miller, S. & Wright, K. (1999, July). Differences in aggressive stimuli by batterer type. Poster presentation at the International Family Violence Research Conference, Durham, NH.

Baker, S. H., Barry, E.S., Nash, S.G., and Naus, M.J. (1999, October). When a parent has cancer: The forgotten child. Poster session presented at The meeting of the Cognitive Developmental Society, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Barry, E.S. and Naus, M.J. (1999, October). The limited effect of positive affect on memory: Implications for development. Poster session presented at The meeting of the Cognitive Developmental Society, Chapel Hill, N.C. (Work based on Elaine Barry's Master's Thesis)

Carbonari, J.P., DiClemente, C.C. and Sewell, K.B. (1999). Stage transitions and the Transtheoretical "Stages of change" model of smoking cessation. *Swiss Journal of Psychology*, 58(2) 134-144.

Davis, R. N., & Valentiner, D. P. (in press). Does meta-cognitive theory enhance our understanding of pathological worry and anxiety? *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Eckhardt, C. I., Babcock, J. C., Frederickson, J., Homack, S. & Harder, L. (1999, July). Stages of change and batterer subtype among men in group treatment for wife assault. Poster presentation at the International Family Violence Research Conference, Durham, NH.

Knee, C.R. (1999, October). Implicit theories of relationships: Effects of evaluating vs. cultivating. Invited talk at Texas A&M Department of Psychology.

Miller, S., Yerington, T., & Babcock, J. C. (1999, July). The psychophysiology of anger in domestically violent and nonviolent men. Poster presentation at the International Family Violence Research Conference, Durham, NH.

Velasquez, M.M., DiClemente, C.C., & Addy, R. (in press). The generalizability of Project MATCH: A comparison of those enrolled to those not enrolled in the study at one aftercare site. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Zickar, M. J., & Robie, C. (1999). Modeling faking good on personality items: An item-level analysis. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 84, 551-563.

Computing Notes

Part-time User Support Position Available

The Department of Psychology is seeking an individual for a part-time position as **User Services Specialist I**. General systems abilities and problem solving skills are preferred. Job duties include the following:

1. Provides technical support to users on both software and hardware on personal computers running Windows NT 4.0, Windows 98, Windows 95 on an Intel platform.
2. Analyzes, configures and sets-up computer systems when requested by user departments.
3. Provides instructions on Microsoft operating systems and software to faculty, staff and students.
4. Analyzes, configures and troubleshoots network problems in Windows NT 4.0, Windows 98, Windows 95.
5. Analyzes departmental needs regarding computer hardware and software; provides assessments of technology trends in computer systems.
6. Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

This position will soon be posted through Human Resources. Interested applicants may contact Sean Woodward at psychservice@uh.edu.



Trick or Treat!

Watch for tiny ghosts and goblins in the Heyne Building on Friday, October 29! Children from the University Child Care Center and the Human Development Lab School will be visiting the business and academic offices as well as some research groups to trick or treat. We have been asked to provide non-edible treats to the Child Care group; we may give candy to the Lab School children. All are invited to come in costume that day to share in the fun!

Research Positions Available

Affiliated Systems Corporation in Houston has immediate openings for persons to work full time on a federally-funded study of drug users and their social networks. The first position is for a **statistician**. This person must have a Ph.D. or be ABD and possess experience in database management and analysis using SPSS. The second position is for a **research assistant**. This applicant must have a Bachelor's or Master's degree, with at least one year of experience in analysis using SPSS. Duties include data manipulation and analysis, library research, and participation in research publication. Interested applicants may contact Dr. David Bell at (713) 439-0210 and fax a resume or vita to (713) 439-1924.