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Reminders

👉 **Out of State Students:** Did you remember to submit your Non Resident Tuition Exemption Form?

👉 **Jan 31:** Last day to drop a course without dropping all courses to receive a tuition refund.

👉 **Feb 4:** Staff retreat, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Academic and User Support Offices will be closed. Business Office will have minimal support.

👉 **Feb 11:** Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the clinic. Contact Gwen Moore for agenda items.

👉 **Feb 11:** Deadline for applications to the Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

👉 **Feb 15:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.

👉 **Feb 16:** Faculty meeting, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., 135 Heyne.

👉 **Feb 18:** Last day for filing application for graduation.

👉 **Mar 13-17:** Spring Break

News and Notes

❖ **Dr. Mary Velasquez Joining UT**

Dr. Mary Marden Velasquez, Research Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, has accepted a tenure-track position as Associate Professor at the University of Texas Medical School, Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine. She will begin her new position on February 1, 2000. Kirk VonSternberg, Researcher and Project Director for the last nine years, and Danielle SoRelle, Research Assistant, will be moving to UT with Dr. Velasquez. Best wishes -- the Department will miss you!

❖ **OHP Colloquium Schedule**

Following is the Spring 2000 schedule for the Occupational Health Psychology, Research and Methodology Exchange Colloquium Series. Faculty and graduate students are cordially invited to attend. All talks are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in Room 135 Heyne.

February 2, 2000, **Dr. Lawrence Schulze**, Industrial Engineering, University of Houston, "Safety in the Work Place."

March 1, 2000, **Dr. Mary J. Naus, Shawn Davis, and Mark Morris**, Department of Psychology, University of Houston, "Issues of Cancer Survivorship in the Workplace."

April 5, 2000, **Dr. Ken Laughery**, Industrial Engineering, Rice University, "Allocating Responsibility for Accidents and Injuries"

May 3, 2000, **Dr. Ernest N. Jouriles, Dr. Renee McDonald**, Department of Psychology, University of Houston, and **Dr. Paul Swank**, UT School of Nursing, "Evaluating an Intervention for Children's Conduct Problems: An Application of Hierarchical Linear Modeling."

❖ **Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowships**

Graduate assistants (teaching fellows, and teaching and research assistants): You do not need to complete a separate form for the Spring 2000 semester if your appointment is continuing from the Fall 1999 semester. Only students who were not on some type of graduate assistantship in the Fall, and have started one this Spring, need to see Caroline Watkins to complete the form.

From the Academic Office

☑ **Spring 2000 Advising Hours:** To better accommodate the needs of Psychology undergraduates, the following hours have been set for Spring 2000 undergraduate advising: Mondays and Tuesdays, appointments from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, walk-ins from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Thursdays, walk-ins from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Fridays, walk-ins from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This schedule is allowing for many more students to see an advisor.

What's New In Research

RESEARCH AWARDS

Domestic Violence and Child Aggression. \$249,961, 2 years, National Institute of Justice. PI: Renee McDonald, Co-PI: Ernest Jouriles.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Davis, R. N., Cass, J. E., Clark, A. N., & Breier, J. I. (December 1999). Atypical aphasia following right hemisphere stroke in an individual with bilateral language representation. Case presented to the Houston Neuropsychological Society, Houston, TX.

Ezell, E., McDonald, R., & Jouriles, E. N. (in press). Helping children of battered women: A review of research, sampling of programs, and presentation of Project SUPPORT. In J. Vincent and E. Jouriles (Eds.) Domestic Violence: Guidelines for Research-Informed Practice. London: Jessica Kingsley.

Grych, J.H., Fincham, F.D., Jouriles, E.N., & McDonald, R. (in press). Interparental conflict and child adjustment: Testing the mediational role of appraisals in the cognitive-contextual framework. Child Development.

Stephens, N. & McDonald, R. (in press). Assessment of women who seek shelter from abusive partners. In J. Vincent and E. Jouriles (Eds.) Domestic Violence: Guidelines for Research-Informed Practice. London: Jessica Kingsley.

Computing Notes

Part-time User Support Position Available

The Department of Psychology is seeking an individual for a part-time position as **User Services Technician**. 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.



A hello from former Social graduate student, **Dr. Kelly Anthony**: I finished my dissertation in December with Drs. Dick Rozelle, Linda Acitelli, Sue Nash, our own Kath Pollak and political scientist Jim Gibson as my incredibly dedicated committee. I have been teaching part time at California State University, Sacramento for 1 1/2 years, and am considering a full time position there or heading back east. My husband Joel is finishing his Ph.D. in Biostatistics, and has interviews at Yale, Rutgers, Emory, to name a few. We will be leaving the fabulous California North coast, most likely, by summer's end. Best to UH Psychology folks!

Pat Curtin has some furniture to sell: 1) a large, white and pastel couch for 50 dollars, 2) a twin-sized, forest green futon for 75 dollars, and 3) a white and copper dinette with four chairs and a leaf for 50 dollars. All pieces are in good condition and should provide many more years of service. Please contact Pat if you are interested at 713-526-0723 or patjcurtin@altavista.com.

If anyone needs some advanced undergrads to help with their research, **Mark Morris** is teaching two classes (total students=70) that may provide fertile ground for recruiting some research assistants. I/O and Cognitively-related research projects would be ideal, but almost anything would earn them some research experience and extra credit. Please reply to mmorris4@bayou.uh.edu and include a synopsis of the project, potential duties and contact information that Mark can relay to interested students.

On December 7, 1999, **Dr. Alex Siegel** and his wife, Sandy became grandparents for the first time. Their daughter, Laurie (and her husband, Woody) gave birth to Sarah Elizabeth. She weighed in at 6-1/2 pounds and healthy Mom and baby are doing well. At one month, Sarah gained weight up to 8 pounds 6 ounces.

Thanks to the efforts of **Project SUPPORT** staff and the generous contributions of staff, research assistants, and members of the UH community and the Houston community at large, 261 children in 82 families were provided with Christmas presents from Project SUPPORT! Thank you to all who were involved in this tremendous effort and a special thanks to Debbie Corbitt-Schindler and Jennifer Shiver for organizing the collection and distribution efforts (Project SUPPORT is directed by Dr. Ernest Jouriles).

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