Reminders

June 9: Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the clinic. Contact Yolizma Zapata for agenda items.

June 9: Deadline for applications to the Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

June: Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.
  Summer I June 13
  Summer II June 20
  Summer III June 20

June 23: Last day to file an application for Summer graduation.

June – July: Last day to drop a course or withdraw.
  Summer I June 22
  Summer II June 23
  Summer III July 19

July – Aug: Last day of classes.
  Summer I July 5
  Summer II July 18
  Summer III Aug 10


July 10: First day of classes for Summer Session IV.

News and Notes

Dr. Thomas G. Power Moving to Washington State University

After 20 years of service to the University of Houston, developmental psychologist, Professor Thomas G. Power, will be joining the faculty in the Department of Human Development at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. He will be leaving Houston at the end of June.

Dr. Power received his B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1976 and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1980. He began as an assistant professor here in August 1980, was promoted to associate in September 1986, and to full professorship in September 1994. He has also held an adjunct appointment in the Department of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine since 1985.

Having served on numerous university, college, department, and developmental program committee, Dr. Power’s current appointments include the positions of Director of Developmental Training and Associate Chair. His research and teaching interests lie in the areas of social development; parent-child relations; stress, coping, and health behaviors; children’s play; and cross-cultural human development.

“Dr. Power is a wonderful colleague whose list of contributions to the Department is very impressive,” notes Dr. John P. Vincent, Department Chair. “We will miss him very much.”

Psychology Shines at Commencement

At the College of Social Sciences convocation on May 13, 2000, members of the Department of Psychology received great honors. Each year, the College presents one faculty member and one teaching fellow with the Social Sciences Teaching Excellence Award. This year’s recipients were both from Psychology, Dr. Beth Manke, assistant professor, and Ms. Elaine Barry, developmental graduate student. Also, the Dean’s Award for Outstanding Student of Social Sciences was presented to Ms. Deborah Corbitt-Shindler, a graduating psychology major who has worked with Drs. Jouriles, Manke, and McDonald. And the Academic Office’s own Ms. Tiffany Davis and Ms. Tonnett London received the awards for Outstanding Seniors in Psychology for Spring 2000. Congratulations to all!

Travel for Contracted Employees

If you have a contracted non-UH employee (i.e., consultant, speaker), who will be providing a service to UH, and the person’s travel is purchased by UH prior to the travel date, you will need to ask Yolizma or Ashraf to generate a letter for the person. The letter will state that the person is entitled to the contract airfare and he/she will have it to present to the airline check-in people if questioned. Without such authorization, the person may have to purchase a full-price fare at the airport in order to travel.
Fall 2000 Course Offerings

Dr. Linda Acitelli will be teaching PSYC 6380 Personal Relationships: Theory and Research, a course that is not offered every year. It is an overview of the field of personal relationships, including a critique of the research and discussion of current controversies in the field. It can benefit graduate students from Social, Clinical, I/O, Developmental, and anyone else with an interest in interpersonal processes, gender, communication, and relationships. The time schedule lists the course for Wednesdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m. If you are interested in taking the course and have a schedule conflict, please sign up anyway. The meeting time can be changed if necessary. For more information contact Dr. Acitelli at acitelli@uh.edu or 713-743-8567.

Dr. Chip Knee will teach PSYC 6338 Foundations of Social Psychology, Mondays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The time was changed after the schedule of classes was printed, and was done to avoid potential course conflicts.

What's New In Research

Dr. Dale L. Johnson, professor, was elected president-elect of the World Fellowship for Schizophrenia and Allied Disorders at its biannual meeting in Jerusalem, Israel. The WFSAD has 42 member nations and more than 600,000 members world-wide. Professor Johnson presented a paper on "Choices for families and professionals" at the WFSAD meeting. He presented a paper on "Consumer ideals and hard realities" at the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation meeting in Paris, France. He was also reelected to the WAPR board at that meeting.

Dr. Gordon L. Paul, the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor of Psychology, was interviewed recently on KTRH radio about "paranoid schizophrenia" and the insanity defense.

Recent Dissertations Completed:

Dr. Nancy DaSilva Examining Owner Characteristics and Entrepreneurial Management Strategy in Predicting Small Firm Performance

Dr. Lauren Manning Salomon The Impact of Personality Variables on Different Facets of Contextual Performance

Dr. Clayton Neighbors Exploring Self-Determination and Social Comparison Processes

Dr. John Wilson The Relations Among Organizational Politics, Citizenship Behavior, and Justice

Publications, Presentations, and Workshops


Congratulations to social psychology graduate student, Nancy Olson! She has been awarded the Women's Studies Program's Dissertation Fellowship for 2000-2001. The award is based on the submission of a research project proposal and is in the amount of $15,000.

PsychoPhiles is published bimonthly. 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.