

# Psycho Philes

University of Houston Department of Psychology  
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## Reminders



**Apr 30:** Last day of classes for Spring 2001.



**May 2-10:** Final examination period.



**May 11:** Staff meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the clinic.



**May 11:** General University Commencement, 9:00 a.m. at Hofheinz Pavilion.



**May 12:** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Convocation, 6:00 p.m. at Hofheinz Pavilion.



**May 13:** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Recognition Ceremony (for graduate students), 3:00 p.m. at Cullen Performance Hall.



**May 16:** Faculty meeting, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., 135 Heyne.



**May 28:** Academic, Business, and User Support Offices closed for Memorial Day holiday.



**June 1:** Last day to drop a summer course without dropping all courses to receive a tuition refund.

## News and Notes

### New Academic Advisor

The Department welcomes Ms. Roni Burren, our new undergraduate academic advisor. Ms. Burren graduated in May 1999 from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX with a B.A. degree in Journalism. She has served as a middle school teacher and basketball coach and has substitute taught at the high school level. Further, Ms. Burren has extensive experience with a wide variety of student activities from her undergraduate years.

Stop in and meet Ms. Burren! She has joined Ms. Sherry Beran, Ms. Patti Tolar, and Ms. Irene Flores in the Academic Affairs Office in 124 Heyne Building.

### Student Computer Lab To Be Placed in Clinic

The Department is happy to announce that will be establishing a student computer lab in the clinic. CRS 1035, which currently houses two old machines, will be receiving four new machines, a printer, and a scanner. In addition, the machine currently used for assessments will be replaced. This addition to the clinic will certainly better serve the students who spend a majority of their time there, rather than in Heyne. As a reminder, the Department supports three student computer labs in the Heyne Building.

### Department Mail Code Has Changed

University Postal Services has successfully acquired a specific United States Postal Service zip code for each delivery drop on campus. As such, the department address is now:

University of Houston  
Department of Psychology  
126 Heyne  
Houston, TX 77204-5022

Note that "4800 Calhoun" is no longer part of the address and the "plus four" part of the zip code is different. Please keep this in mind when you are ordering letterhead, envelopes, and business cards. The Department is hoping to acquire a separate address for the clinic mail drop. Also, the interoffice mail code is now PSY 5022.

### Timely Submission of Grant Proposals and Contracts

Thinking of turning in a grant proposal or placing someone on a contract? The day before the proposal is due or before the contract starts is NOT the time to submit it to Ms. Yolizma Zapata in the business office. In order to get all approvals and signatures for such items, Ms. Zapata REQUIRES

your materials ONE WEEK PRIOR to the deadline (two weeks is preferred). Other

University offices require time to review our submissions. Note that non grant-related contracts are to be submitted to Ms. Ashraf Shafiei.

## From the Academic Office

### Additional Courses for Graduate Students!

The following graduate courses will be offered by Visiting Assistant Professor, Dr. Anthony Risser in Fall 2001:

"Developmental Neuropsychology"  
Mondays  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"Aphasiology"  
Tuesdays  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### A Special Thanks

I would like to take the time to express my most gracious thanks to Patti Tolar. Throughout the whole time the academic office was an advisor short, she continuously covered for the open advisor position. I would like everyone in the Department of Psychology to know that I feel we have the best Senior Academic Advisor known at the University of Houston. Our new advisor, Roni Burren, will be trained for advising by one of the best advisors on campus, Patti Tolar. We will continue to give students the best service and they will all know that the Psychology Academic Affairs office will always be there when others are not. Thanks, Sherry Beran

## What's New in Research

**Dr. Richard Evans**, Distinguished Professor and Director of the Social Psychology Program, has recently returned from London, England, where he met with social psychologist-health psychologist Dr. Steven Sutton of Cambridge University and Drs. Jane Wardle and Martin Jarvis of the University of London to discuss his recent research and possibilities for some joint research activity.

A recent issue of the newspaper *USA Today* reflected an interview with **Dr. Richard Evans** concerning the status of substance abuse research and related matters.

**Dr. Ernest Jouriles** has been asked to serve as a member of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism working group on "Research on Prevention of Alcohol-Related Violence." This working group will bring together about 15 researchers currently focused on the topic of alcohol-related violence as well as researchers currently intervening in the community. A primary goal of this working group is to formulate a new

prevention research agenda to reduce alcohol-related violence.

**Dr. Gordon L. Paul**, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor of Psychology, along with **Dr. Jan Cross**, Clinical Assistant Professor, and clinical graduate students **Will Newbill**, M.A., **James Coleman**, M.A., and **Susan Hall**, M.A., will present a workshop on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at the upcoming annual convention of the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services. The workshop is entitled, "Empowering Consumers to 'Get Out' and 'Stay Out': A Residential & Aftercare Program that Works." The workshop will focus on the empirically based assessment and treatment technology developed by Dr. Paul's clinical research group. Several former students and colleagues who have remained affiliated with the clinical research group will also participate as discussants. These include Tony Menditto, Ph.D. & Julian Salinas, Ph.D., Fulton, MO, and Mark Schade, Ph.D., Austin, TX, graduates of the UH clinical psychology program, as well as Mark Licht, Ph.D., Tallahassee FL. The cheering section at the workshop will be led by other current members of the clinical research group, UH graduate student, **Michelle Kline**, and undergraduate assistant, **Linda Ekloff**. The conference will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, from May 9-11, 2001.

### PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Acitelli, L. K. (in press). Affairs of the mind. Review of Honeycutt, J. M. & Cantrill, J. G., Cognition, communication and romantic relationships. For Contemporary Psychology: The APA Review of Books.

Brewer, V.R., Fletcher, J.M., Hiscock, M., & Davidson, K.C. (2001). Attention processes in children with shunted hydrocephalus versus attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder. *Neuropsychology*, 15, 185-198.

Carbonari, J.P. (2001, March). The state of the stages of change. Invited address to the faculty, students and public, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas.

Cole, L.C., & Hiscock, M. (February, 2001). Auditory and manual asymmetry: Correlated dimensions of laterality? International Neuropsychological Society, Chicago, Illinois.

Ellis, B. B. (in press). Rules of measurement: Out with the old, in with the new. International Journal of Testing.

Ellis, B. B., & Mead, A. D. (in press). Item analysis: Theory and practice using classical and modern test theory. In S. G. Rogelberg (Ed.), Handbook of research methods in industrial and organizational psychology. Oxford: Blackwell.

Evans, R.I. (2001). An historical perspective on the prevention of smoking and other health threatening behaviors in children and adolescents. In A. Baum, T. Revensen, & J. Singer (Eds.), Handbook of Health Psychology. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Hiscock, M. Caroselli, J.S., Eckert, S., & Ingram, F. (February, 2001). A computerized measure of sensitivity to future consequences: Normative data. International Neuropsychological Society, Chicago, Illinois.

Huckeba, W., Chapieski, L., & Hiscock, M. (February, 2001). Math performance in children with Tourette Syndrome: Contribution of attention and visuospatial skills. International Neuropsychological Society, Chicago, Illinois.

Jouriles, E. N., & McDonald, R. (2001, March). Reducing conduct problems among children of battered women. Invited address, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Jouriles, E. N., McDonald, R., Spiller, L., Norwood, W. D., Swank, P. R., Stephens, N., Ware, H., & Buzy, W. (in press). Reducing conduct problems among children of battered women. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

Kenny, D.A. & Acitelli, L.K (2001). Accuracy and bias in the perception of the partner in a close relationship. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 80, 439-448.

Knee, C. R., & Boon, S. D. (in press). When the glass is half-empty: Framing effects and evaluations of a romantic partner's attributes. Personal Relationships.

Luse, L.T., Graczyk, A. J., & Ellis, B. B. (2001, April). Relationships between work/life variables, organizational commitment, and intention to leave. Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, San Diego, CA.

McCormick, D. P., Baldwin, C. D., Klecan-Aker, J. S., Swank, P. R., & Johnson, D. L. (2001). Association of early bilateral middle ear effusion with language at age 5 years. Ambulatory Pediatrics, 1, 87-90.

Neighbors, C. T., Vietor, N. A., & Knee, C. R. (in press). A motivational model of driving anger and aggression. Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.

Raju, N. S. & Ellis, B. B. (in press). Differential item and test functioning. In F. Drasgow & N. Schmitt (Eds.), Advances in measurement and data analysis. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Rexer, J.L., Hiscock, M., & Caroselli, J.S. (February; 2001). Evaluating a new method for detecting malingering. International Neuropsychological Society, Chicago, Illinois.

Shaik, N., Carey, K., McQueen, A., Nash, S. (April, 2001). Behavioral risk factors for emotional and physical health problems among college students. Poster presented at Sigma Xi Research Day 2001 in Houston, TX.

Williams, P. & Poehlmann, K. (2001, March). Reasons for exercise. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Seattle, WA.

## Coffee Break

### Psychology Makes Its Mark in UH Publication

Be sure to check out the Spring 2001 issue of *collegium*, the magazine of the University of Houston. The issue's focus is on health and includes articles featuring the work of **Dr. H. Julia Hannay**, clinical graduate student **Wendy Marsh Buzy**, **Dr. Gordon Paul**, and the Texas Young Autism Project, directed by **Dr. Gerald Harris**.

### Part-Time Research Position

The Baylor Adolescent Alcohol Project is in need of a part-time research assistant to assist with data analysis and other tasks related to the conclusion of a 3 year, 7 wave survey project of high school students in 6 school districts surrounding Houston. Experience with SPSS, SAS, AMOS or other SEM software (LISREL, EQS) is necessary. The opportunity to learn advanced statistical techniques like growth modeling and HLM will be encouraged. The position is open immediately, but can be started after the spring semester ends, if preferable. Social graduate student, **Amy McQueen**, currently works for

the Baylor group and can help answer questions, or to apply for the job contact Dr. James Bray directly: jbray@bcm.tmc.edu or 713-798-7752

Social graduate student, **Aruni Nanayakkara**, and her husband, Siegfried Schoen, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kumali Schoen. Kumali arrived on February 27, 2001 at 2:26 p.m., weighing in at 6 lbs., 13 oz.

PsychoPhiles is published bimonthly. Submissions should be sent to Dr. 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.