Spring 2008
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Calendar of Events
January 2008

February 2008
Assoc. for Beh. Analysis
Autism Conference – Atlanta,
GA

N’tl. Assoc. School Psych. –
New Orleans, LA (Feb 6-9)

March 2008
Spring Break Mar 17-21

April 2008
Coun. for Exceptional Children
Conf. – Boston, MA (Apr 2-5)

Houston Symposium for
Research in Education –
Houston, TX (April 12)

May 2008
Ed Shapiro, Ph.D Colloquium
at U of H (May 1)

Assoc. for Beh. Analysis 34th
Annual Conference – Chicago,
IL (May 23-27)

NASP Convention 2008

With all the hard work of classes,
practica, candidacy projects,
dissertations, internship
applications, committee
meetings, it was nice to
showcase the research being
conducted here at UH, develop
new friendships and working
relationships, and relax (just a
little) in New Orleans where the
National Association of School
Psychologists held their Annual
Convention this year. Some were
lucky enough to get there in time
for a few parades at the end of
Mardi Gras. For all the energy
put into the program here at UH,
it’s definitely making its mark!

Internship News

Building on our initial success last year, three students matched this year
at APA accredited sites for their pre-doctoral internship! The pre-doctoral
internship is the “capstone” training experience for the School Psychology
Program.

Dana Kelly and Rose Ann King will be training with Cypress-Fairbanks
Independent School District here in Houston! Mekel Harris will be moving
to Los Angeles to train at the USC/Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles.
Make sure to congratulate them when you next see them!

Students and faculty enjoying the great food and
atmosphere of Bourbon Street in New Orleans!!!

Save the Date!

Dr. Ed Shapiro, professor and
director of the Center for Promoting
Research to Practice at Lehigh
University (and Dr. Ramirez’s advisor)
will be presenting a colloquium on
May 1st here at the University of
Houston. More details to follow!
Recent Publications by Students


Recent Presentations by Students


Scholarly Activities

Research Projects

Harris, M. Preliminary research exploring elementary students’ response-to-intervention and its relation to state assessment scores. (District initiated research)

Ramirez, R., & Schwartz, J. Getting ready to transition into English-only classrooms. (Faculty research funded by the Faculty Research Opportunity Award).

Ramirez, R., & Reyes, P. Use of parents as reading tutors for Latino students in a bilingual education classroom. (Faculty research funded by the Society for the Study of School Psychology Early Career Award)

Schanding, G.T., Perez, E., & Gerondale, T. Peer coaches for decreasing disruptive behavior in the classroom. (Faculty research)

King, R.A. Determining predictive variables in clinical diagnoses and functioning for African-Americans, Hispanics, and Caucasians. (Dissertation)

Peters, S., & Reyes, G.F. An emerging behavioral phenotype in female carriers with MECP2 duplications: Implications for the broad autism phenotype. (Research conducted by the Meyer Center for Developmental Pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital and the Baylor College of Medicine)

Reyes, G.F. Using curriculum-based measurement to track the English reading progress of English Language Learners. (Candidacy project)

Hunt, K.S. Gender differences in special education accommodations. (Dissertation)

Hoffman, R.N. Algebraic interventions. (Candidacy project)

Axelrad, M., and Fehlis, J.E. Longitudinal assessment of cognitive characteristics in Costello Syndrome. (Previous research with Texas Children's Hospital)

Brouwers, P., Parsons, S., Fehlis, J.E. Trajectories of health and adaptation after pediatric stem cell transplantation (Research conducted by Texas Children’s Hospital)

Rhyne, C. The moderating role of emotional and behavioral factors on student failure to respond to reading intervention: Implications for concurrent interventions. (Dissertation)

Harris, M. Psychosocial predictors of child adjustment and school reintegration outcome in a pediatric cancer population. (Dissertation)
Scholarly Activities

Research Projects

More research agendas at University of Houston School Psychology Program!

Askins, M., & Harris, M. Pediatric cancer survivors: Improving cognitive outcomes. (NIH grant funded research conducted by UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center)

Kelly, D. Attitudes of pre-kindergarten teachers participating in a C3 coaching professional development program. (Candidacy project)

Upcoming Student Presentations


Selected Recent/Upcoming Presentations and Publications by Faculty


Student Milestones

Congratulations to the following students!

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Announcements, Awards, and Honors

- Evelyn Perez was appointed as the chair of the Awards and Honors Committee for the Texas Association of School Psychologists!
- Dr. Schanding was appointed as the new co-chair of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Committee within the National Association of School Psychologists.
- Congratulations to Dr. Kubiszyn on his election to the American Psychological Association’s Board of Professional Affairs.

Upcoming Deadlines:

Call for Papers!!
National Association of School Psychologists
Due June 27th, 2007
http://nasponline.org

Paul H. Henkin Memorial Scholarship (NASP)
Provides up to $2000 for convention costs for a newly credentialed (or licensed in the case of Texas) school psychologist. May be NCSP or LSSP. More information available on at http://nasponline.org

APF Paul Henkin Travel Grant (APA Div 16)
Support of up to $1000 for student members of the APA Div 16 to attend the APA annual convention. Deadline April 15th – http://forms.apa.org/apf.grants/

Outstanding Dissertation Award (APA Div 16)
Available to student members of the APA Div 16. See http://www.indiana.edu/~div16/awards_dissertation.html
Wisdom Quotes

“No man was ever wise by chance.”
– Seneca

“The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others.”
– Solomon Ibn Gabriol

“A wise man learns by the mistakes of others, a fool by his own.”
– Latin Proverb

“Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.”
– Thomas A. Edison

“Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked.”
– Mark Twain

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”
– Abraham Lincoln

Words of Wisdom

These tips come from Rose Ann King and Mekel Harris on navigating the Internship Application/Interview Process.

- Meet with your advisor early in your career to discuss coursework, research interests, practicum, and internship considerations.
- Plan ahead in collecting and organizing all your materials. Keep good documentation of activities.
- Start the application, essays, and summation of practicum hours in July and August to avoid scrambling.
- Create a list of your accomplishments, pubs, presentations, etc. along with your vita to provide to people writing your letters of recommendations.
- Request your letters 6 weeks from the due dates, and send friendly reminder emails requesting a pick up date or mail date.
- Check and recheck internship addresses.
- Send all materials by priority mail with delivery confirmation.
- Call site to verify receipt of materials prior to the deadline.
- Save money to avoid taking out loans for travel expenses.
- Stay focused on what you want to accomplish.
- Talk to others who have gone through the process within the last 2-4 years.
- Apply and interview at the sites you truly feel are a good match for you.
- Take care of yourself! It’s a stressful process!