Greetings from the Chairman

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you the official opening and dedication of the Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Building, Psychology's new home. As we settle into our new space, we understand our good fortune and are continually aware of the opportunities that lay ahead. On behalf of all of us here in the Department, I thank all of the generous donors who have helped open these doors for us.

The Department continues to pursue its mission to "acquire, advance, and disseminate knowledge within the Psychological and Behavioral Sciences." We maintain our commitment to basic scientific research, applied research, undergraduate and graduate teaching, professional training and development and service to the community. The new space will help us to work collaboratively, integrating the Department's five divisions in ways never before possible. The crossover between the Adult, Child, and Health Tracks with the Clinical and Undergraduate programs, helps to create a real community of scholars.

The Psychology Department has come a long way since the University's early days in the 1920's when only one faculty member taught in the discipline. Since then, a chain of determined individuals, faculty, administrators, and staff alike, have worked to make steady strides toward our position of today -- the number two US psychology department in funding from the National Institutes of Health, the largest doctoral program at the University of Miami, and the second largest undergraduate major in the College of Arts and Sciences. This expansion has not, by any means, come at the cost of quality of our programs. Success of our graduate students in obtaining internships and then moving on to research and professional careers is one indicator of our progress. Our undergraduates, as well, have been accepted to top ranking medical and graduate programs.

I invite you to peruse the pages within this latest chronicle of the Department, and share in the excitement of our faculty, staff, and students.

Rod Wellens
Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology
Senior Associate Dean, Social and Behavioral Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences
Our new home in the Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Building is coming together as we prepare for the grand opening and dedication ceremony on October 15. The spacious environment allows collaborations on all levels. One special feature of the new Flipse Building is the welcoming 1000 square foot Student Lobby, located on the fifth floor. The lobby provides a space for students to meet informally with faculty, study, read, or just “hang out.” If you are a former alum, you know how badly a space like this one was needed! Generous donations from alumni and friends have made the Student Lobby possible. If you are one of the more than one hundred individuals who have contributed to the cause, please accept our heartiest thanks. Plans for a donor recognition wall are in the making. If you would like to make a pledge to the Student Lobby, it’s not too late! Please indicate your preference and the amount on the enclosed pledge card. Adjacent to the Lobby is Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP), where students get the best of the Universities orientation, advising, and mentoring services.

Flanking the Student Lobby is the Randal C. Johnson Lecture Hall, which seats 96. Mr. Johnson’s generous donation allowed us to equip the classroom with state-of-the-art equipment to allow faculty and/or student speakers to present Powerpoint, slides, or compact disks to enhance their lectures.

Also located on the fifth floor is our new Conference Room, generously proportioned to seat the entire faculty. This room is equipped with equipment to facilitate media presentations. In addition to the beautiful interior space, the view of the city from the Conference Room is magnificent... said to be one of the best on campus!
Thank You!

Pledge cards for donations are enclosed with this mailing. If you have already donated this fall -- Thank you! If not, we look forward to hearing from you!

Honor roll information has been carefully reviewed. Nevertheless, errors or omissions may occur. If your name does not appear or is listed incorrectly, please accept our apologies.
What's new in the tracks?

The work of the faculty in the Adult track integrates clinical science with basic science. As a group, we are committed to the idea that an understanding of processes of normal behavior fosters a better understanding of problem behavior. For this reason we place a stronger emphasis on the continuity between personality-social psychology (on the one hand) and psychopathology and clinical science (on the other hand). All of our work shares a focus on processes, or is connected to one another through shared conceptual models.

**Associate Professor Adele Hayes**, co-Director of the Adult Program, took the helm this past year when Director Carver was on sabbatical. In spite of her responsibilities as Acting Director, Hayes managed to make progress in several areas of research, some of which she began during her own sabbatical during 2001. Hayes has begun her NIH-funded research on the process of change in cognitive therapy for avoidant and obsessive-compulsive personality disorders. She has also been developing an integrative therapy for depression that combines components of existing cognitive, behavioral, and interpersonal approaches to treatment. The pilot study of that new therapy is complete, and she and her research team are busy writing up the results. They are beginning to study the process of change using a new coding system that she and her students, Greg Feldman, have been developing. Hayes also continues her collaboration with Clark Freshman at the University of Miami School of Law. They are completing their research on predictors of psychological adjustment and academic performance in the first year of law school, a time of particularly high risk for depression. They have presented their work at Harvard and Georgetown Law Schools, and they have been invited to present their most recent findings at Yale School of Law in September. Dr. Hayes continues her work as Associate Editor of Cognitive Therapy and Research. Graduate students working on Hayes’ research team are Tamara D’Anjou, Gregory Feldman, and Jose Sandoval.

**Professor Charles Carver** spent last year on sabbatical leave, during which he had an appointment at the University of California at Berkeley. Carver spent some time revising his popular textbook, *Perspectives on Personality*. The text, in its 5th edition, will be available this fall. Carver spent time catching up with data analyses from the long-term cancer survivor project, which led to an application for five years of additional support for studies of people who are five years or more past their cancer treatment. He will know next winter if it is funded. In January, he began his term as Editor for one of APA’s flagship journals, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (JPS)*: Personality Processes and Individual Differences. Carver is also collaborating with Dr. Johnson on a project to study the consequences of positive emotions. His dog, Calvin, continues to be the Department’s well-mannered and much loved mascot. Dr. Carver’s graduate students are Kenya Murphy and Sarah Wimberly, and he co-supervises Tamara D’Anjou with Dr. Hayes.

**Associate Professor Sheri Johnson** spent her sabbatical year collaborating with Dr. Ian Gotlib, a depression researcher at Stanford University. Johnson and Gotlib are studying cognitive and information-processing in people with bipolar disorder during depressed and nondepressed phases. They have also started a brain imaging study with Dr. Brian Knutson, from Stanford. She had the opportunity to sit in on a number of classes on emotion and brain imaging at the University of California at Berkeley. On days when she was not in Palo Alto or in class, Dr. Johnson worked on editing a new book, *Psychological Treatments of Bipolar Disorder*, which will be published by Guilford Press this fall. Two of her research articles were published this year. Additionally, Dr. Johnson has submitted grants to three funding agencies. Stephanie McMurrich joined the adult program under Dr. Johnson’s supervision. Members of Johnson’s research team, including graduate students Camillo Ruggero and Amy Kizer worked hard to ‘hold down the fort’ while Dr. Johnson was on sabbatical leave.

**Assistant Professor Jean-Philippe Laurenceau** has begun his research funded by the National Institute of Mental Health’s Early Scientist Development Award. The focus of the project is the experience of intimacy in marriage. As part of this award, he has been attending a number of statistical workshops on the study of change in longitudinal data, experience sampling methods, and the study of dynamical systems. In addition, he presented a workshop on experience sampling methods at Harvard/Radcliffe. Additionally, along with Dr. Margaret Clark from Carnegie Mellon University, Laurenceau co-taught a Summer Institute in Social Psychology (SISP) course on close relationships. That course, presented at the University of Colorado in Boulder, was funded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Laurenceau continues to take an active role in undergraduate mentoring and supervised four Honors Theses last year, including that of summa cum laude student, Cristina Gonzalez. Dr. Laurenceau has been working with graduate student Adam Troy, and this year added Yael Avivi and Marcia Kimeldorf to his research laboratory. Laurenceau secured two grants this year and has four more years on his NIMH Scientist Development Award for New Minority Faculty. He published one article and has three in press.

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**Fall 2003**
Associate Professor Mike McCullough joined the faculty last year and has hit the ground running. Although he claimed that he spent a lot of time “figuring out where the coffee maker and the bathrooms were,” he published three papers on forgiveness, religion, and gratitude. Additionally, he recently co-edited a book, *The Psychology of Gratitude*, with Dr. Robert Emmons from the University of California, Davis. Oxford University Press published the book. Dr. McCullough was awarded a grant from the Metanexus Institute, a non-profit granting agency, to study spiritual transformations. He developed an undergraduate course on the Psychology of Religion, and has already established collaborations with faculty in the Department of Religious Studies. This summer, he began working on his next book. He is also writing a grant application for the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. McCullough is supervising two new doctoral students, Emily Polak, and Lindsey Root. Dr. McCullough is a welcome addition and brings interesting breadth to the Adult Track. Now that we have moved, we hope that Dr. McCullough will have an easier acclimation to the new building than he did to Merrick!

Assistant Professor Amy Weisman focused her efforts this year on her research on cultural and family factors that influence the course of chronic mental illness. She is particularly interested in attributions of control, religious beliefs and values, and other sociocultural factors that may be associated with relatives’ emotional reactions to family members suffering from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. During the past several years, she has been conducting research evaluating therapist competency and adherence to a family-focused treatment for bipolar disorder. She has begun tailoring and expanding this research to develop a culturally-informed psychosocial intervention for schizophrenia. She will begin pilot testing this treatment program in the fall. Dr. Weisman mentored an Honors Thesis for *summa cum laude* student Samantha Weiner; and has a full complement of undergraduates working in her laboratory. Dr. Weisman published one article last year, and has two book chapters and another journal article in press. Additionally, Dr. Weisman served on the Institutional Review Board which protects the rights of human subjects. For those of you who have left the research arena, knowing the rules pertaining to IRB have changed the face of research. No more Stanford Prison studies, for sure! Dr. Weisman has two graduate students working with her; Eugenio Duarte and Vamshi Konuru joined the graduate program this year.

Professor Rod Wellsen spent most of his professional energies this past year on activities related to his role as Department Chair, a position he has held for the past eleven years. In addition to the regular duties associated with that post, Dr. Wellsen has been the driving force behind the planning and construction of the new Flipside Building. His load was lightened somewhat by the long hours of hard work of Associate Chairman, Dr. Phil McCabe, Assistant Chairman, Dr. Richard Williams, and Department Administrator, Josephina Dauval. And, just to make sure he had enough to do, Dr. Wellsen was appointed Senior Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, one of three newly formed areas in the College created by Dean James Wyche. The Social and Behavioral Sciences Division encompasses the Departments of Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography and Regional Studies whose total faculty number 76.

**Adult Faculty Member Search**

The Adult track is again engaged in a faculty search this year. The new faculty member will replace the line vacated by Professor Len Jacobson, the last of the faculty who retired from the Adult track. As we begin our search, we are continuing to reexamine and reconsider our priorities, keeping in mind several of the areas of focus that characterize the faculty of this track. We will be looking for someone who complements the work that is already being done in these (and other) areas that characterize the faculty of this track. First, our program is characterized by an effort to diminish boundaries between clinical science and the science of normal behavior. A candidate who has interests that cross these lines would complement that emphasis in our program. Second, we do a good deal of work on phenomena that concern the nature of affective processes and affective disorders. Applicants with interests in those areas would be welcomed. Several of the clinical members of our group do what can be thought of as “experimental psychopathology” research. These are studies in which the presumed processes of a disorder are pushed and probed with laboratory tasks (and other techniques) to see how they respond. Someone with new expertise in such methods would also be attractive, but we will be looking for someone who complements the work that is already being done in these (and other) areas in our program. There are many areas of work within personality, social, and clinical psychology that would mesh well with the existing group’s interests. Accordingly, we are starting our search by casting a wide net and seeing what talent is available. Applications should be sent to Adult Search Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Miami, PO Box 248185, Coral Gables, Florida, 33124-2070.
What's new in the tracks?

The Child Division is happily and productively ensconced in its new home on the third floor of the Fillipe Building. Currently the division is supported by two graduate and post-doctoral training grants from the National Institutes of Child Health and Development (NICHD), one for training in Pediatric Psychology, and one for training in Developmental Psychology. Research in the Division is supported by numerous grants including support from NICHD, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Economic Cooperation and Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice and the Florida Department of Health and Education, among others. With 15 primary and associated faculty on the Coral Gables campus, and over 3 million dollars in extramural funding the Division is not only busy conducting important basic research but also engaged in providing vital clinical and educational services for thousands of children and families throughout the Southern Florida community. Of course we’re not resting on our laurels. This October a record number of NIH grants were submitted by Child Division faculty requesting an additional 1.5 million dollars of funding for basic and applied research projects.

Professor Peter Mundy, Director of the Child Division, continues his NICHD supported research on joint attention with infants along with doctoral students Amy Vaughn, Jessica Block, and Francoise Acrat. With doctoral students Courtney Burentte and Nicol Zahka, he has also developed a new laboratory for the study of neurobiological and family processes that affect the social-emotional development and treatment responsiveness of 8-15 year old children with autism. This project also depends on the invaluable collaborative efforts of other faculty, such as Heather Henderson in the Child Division, and Steve Sutton and Amy Weisman in the Adult Division.

Facilities in the new Fillipe Building include state-of-the-art electrophysiology laboratories for studying brain behavior relations. Associate Professor Marie Cheour, who joined the faculty last year, has developed one of these laboratories to continue her groundbreaking work using EEG to examine neuro-developmental processes involved in infants’ ability to process and learn speech sounds during sleep. Dr. Cheour has no graduate students as yet, but is working with numerous undergraduates.

Assistant Professor Heather Henderson, who also joined us last year, is developing a second EEG laboratory where she will study the role of frontal cortical self-monitoring processes in the development of shy or inhibited social behavior styles. Dr. Henderson welcomed one new graduate student this year, Caley Schwartz, and is making good progress with her undergraduate students, as well.

In addition, Professor Alexandra Quitter joined our faculty this Fall. She will continue here studies of the effect of cochlear implants on attention and behavior development in young, formerly deaf children. Dr. Quitter will also continue her work on compliance and intervention with children affected by cystic fibrosis. Her efforts in this regard will complement other work in Pediatric Psychology being conducted on peer processes and links to health risk behaviors, assessment and prevention of children's responses to trauma, and improving psycho-social elements of treatment for children afflicted by cancer, diabetes and other chronic illnesses.

We are happy to announce that Associate Professor Daniel Meisinger was awarded tenure this year. Dr. Meisinger's research on social and emotional development and the interaction of normally developing and at-risk infants has progressed well. His newest graduate student, Susan Acosta, a graduate from our undergraduate program, is helping him with his research on the changing form and timing of facial expressions as a window on emotional development. His other graduate student, Tricia Baker, is interested in how micro-processes like sharing a smile and macro-processes like parental sensitivity contribute to optimal development like secure attachment. Last year, Dr. Meisinger published an article in Developmental Psychology and made several invited talks in different parts of the world. When in Italy, Dr. Meisinger participated in a 100 kilometer foot race!

Professor Daryl Greenfield and his current students, J'Lene George, Ineoma Iruka, and Pelin Munis have been expanding their ongoing research on Head Start children's school readiness. These activities include analyses of a statewide Head Start school readiness database, development of structured tasks to assess one of the school readiness domains, approaches to learning, and research to understand differential patterns of readiness for undercontrolled, overcontrolled, and competent preschool children. Ineoma has just been funded to study school readiness and parent involvement as one of only eight National Head Start Graduate Student Research Scholars.

Hands up in Head Start!

Fall 2003
LaGreca receives Martin P. Levin Mentoring Award

Excerpts from her acceptance speech: Reflections on the Mentoring Process

First, let me say that I am truly honored and delighted to receive this award. The Society of Pediatric Psychology (APA, Division 54) is very near and dear to my heart. Over the years, I've been fortunate to serve SPP in a variety of capacities, and to receive recognition for some of my work. However, this award personally means more to me than any other...because it is such a personal award. I would like to personally thank several individuals who contributed to my mentoring, either formally or informally. These are individuals whose efforts made an exceptional mark on my own development.

During my undergraduate studies at Fordham University, Dr. Ann Anastasi, took the time, even though she was Chair of the Department, to meet with each new psychology major and offer her wisdom and advice about becoming a psychologist. During my graduate school training at Purdue University, Dr. Scott Paris generously gave his time, support, and encouragement, as well as advice on research design. Without this support, I might never have pursued a research/academic career. During my clinical internship at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, I could not have asked for a better mentor and advisor than Dr. Gary Meisbow, whose support, wisdom, and sharp sense of humor continue to influence me to this day. During that year, I was fortunate to have Dr. Carolyn Schroeder as an additional advisor and wonderful role model. At the University of Miami, I have benefited from the time, support, and advice provided by Dr. Ed Murray, and as well as from the input, support, and wisdom of Drs. Herb Quay and Donald Routh. Last, and most importantly, I thank my current and former students and postdocs, from whom I have learned so much. You have honored me by nominating me for this award. And, for that, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Dr. LaGreca continues in her role as Director of the Clinical Program. She continues to be active in publishing and obtaining grants in the areas of childhood trauma, pediatric psychology, and childhood diabetes. Beginning in 2004, Dr. LaGreca will become the editor of the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology. Pictured above with Dr. LaGreca are former students Mitchell Prinstein and Alicia Glickman.

Professor Keith Scott continues to direct the Linda Ray Center (see pg. 17). Working closely with Research Assistant Professor Marygrace Yale, Dr. Scott maintains an extensive research program on the epidemiology of developmental disabilities. Graduate students Laura Balsani, Carrie Lazarus, Sara Joy, and Vanessa Gonzalez make up an important part of his research team.

Professor Marcia Scott continues her interest in the area of early identification of mild learning problems as well as identifying young gifted minority children. Her paper, “Cross validating a new preschool screening test” was published in Education and Training in Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Scott’s class on Mental Retardation continues to be popular with undergraduates.

Assistant Professor Neena Malik consults with programs involved in infant mental health. She has begun to conduct a community-based research and intervention program with underserved families with young children in collaboration with Miami’s Early Head Start program. Graduate students Zachary Warren, Julie Simone, and Brian Willoughby, and Daphne Jackson work on her research team.

Associate Professor Kristen Lindahl continues her work to understand the associations between marital conflict and triadic-family and dyadic parent-child relationships. Major goals of her research include understanding interactions between dimensions of marital conflict, family processes, ethnicity, and gender, and the contributions of these factors to explaining variability in child functioning.

Research Assistant Professor Christine Delgado continues to direct the Children’s Registry and Information Systems Project. Her research focuses on the identification of risk factors and outcomes for preschoolers with disabilities and on the development of the Pictorial Infant Communication Scales. She is proud to welcome baby Joshua into her family.

The Child Division continues to take a leadership role in local and national community development of services for children. Intervention developed by Child Faculty and students to address the affects of children with trauma are being utilized in wider and wider applications across the country. The collaborative tandem of the UM Florida Diagnostic and Resources System and the UM Children’s Registry and Information Systems (CHRIS) continues to develop new and innovative methods for identifying and tracking children with disabilities.

The quality of the service provision of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) is reflected in the recent Autism Professional of the Year award presented to Dr. Michael Alessandri by the Autism Society of America. Pictured along with Dr. Alessandri are Mayor Alex Pinales (far right) and Dr. Mundy who also received an award recognizing his outstanding scientific contributions to autism over the last 22 years.
What's new in the tracks?

It has been an active year for the Division of Health Psychology, both in terms of writing and receiving grants as well as professional international travel. Several of our faculty worked together to submit grants to the National Institute of Health in the areas of HIV and Cancer.

Professor Neil Schneiderman lectured this past year at universities in Zurich, Luxembourg, Trier and Calim, Colombia. Along with Research Associate Professor Marc Gellman, Dr. Schneiderman traveled to Bangkok, Thailand where they presented a workshop to the faculty and graduate students at Mahidol University on the teaching and research activities of the Division of Health Psychology and the Behavioral Medicine Research Center. A formal ceremony was held for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for Academic and Research Collaboration between the two universities. While they were there, Drs. Schneiderman and Gellman participated in the Third Annual International Conference of the Thai Society of Behavioral Medicine and the First Asian Regional Conference on Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Gellman was elected by the membership of the Society of Behavioral Medicine as the Member Delegate for 2003-2006.

Professor Michael Antoni traveled to the Cook Islands (Karatonga) in the South Pacific where he spoke on Identifying Psychobiological Mechanisms Underlying the Effects of Psychosocial Interventions in Cancer. At the end of September, he traveled to Kos, Greece to present research on the effects of stress management upon health and quality of life in women with breast cancer. Dr. Antoni welcomed three new graduate students. Ilona Buscher, Alyse Killeen, and Kristin Phillips joined upper class graduate students Adam Carrico, Aleha Kazi, Rachel Rose, Scott Siegel, Michelle Peake, Cassandra Vaughn, and Kathryn Weaver.

Associate Professor Edward Green continues his work exploring new ways to encourage recovery from traumatic brain injury in mice. Graduate students Yelena Kateman and Ann Maire Bramwell continue to work with him toward this end. This summer, Dr. Green also mentored Lois Pope Undergraduate Scholar, Jennifer McDonald; she, too, continues to work on his research team. Dr. Green continued to serve on the Neuroscience Steering Committee for the Undergraduate Neuroscience major, and is now teaching neuroanatomy on the Medical Campus to the students in the graduate Neuroscience Program. Dr. Green is pleased to report that former undergraduate Staci Foti is in her second year at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, studying gene therapy in rats.

Professor Barry Hurwitz's research is directed toward learning more about how certain factors affect cardiovascular disease early in the disease process within individuals with diagnosed disease or who are at high risk for disease (e.g., HIV/AIDS, diabetes, inflammatory diseases). As Dr. Hurwitz explained “Heart disease is the greatest threat to human mortality and is a disease whose origin results from a complex interaction of multiple behavioral and biological factors. Persons with cardiovascular disease are usually diagnosed once they are far along in the process; when structural and functional changes have occurred in the heart and blood vessels. We need to learn more about how these factors drive cardiovascular disease early in the disease process so that we can implement more effective prevention of disease progression.”

Assistant Professor Frank Penedo welcomed Blake Scanlon, and Lara Trager to his research team, which is focused on evaluating the efficacy of group and individual based stress management interventions on reducing distress, and improving quality of life and physical health among older adults (defined as those over 50 years of age).

Associate Professor Patrice Saab blood pressure examining how adopting a healthy lifestyle improves cardiovascular risk in adolescent with elevated blood pressure. Along with Research Assistant Professor Judy McCalla, she is examining lifestyle change in MI patients. Marilyn Lopez, Kelly Frindell are her graduate students.

Professor Gail Ironson is busy with several projects. In addition to her newly funded grant (see pg 18) she continues to work on other grants including "Advocacy of an Emotional Disclosure in HIV" and "Psychobiological Processes and Health in HIV and AIDS."

Associate Professor Karen Wyche, who joined us in January of last year, served on an invited panel sponsored by the American Psychological Association's Public Interest Directorate. The panel was on Mental Health and Social Class issues. She delivered a paper on Women, Poverty, and Mental Health. Dr. Wyche is teaching the undergraduate class, Psychology of Gender, and will teach the pre-practicum in the Spring.
Undergraduate Neuroscience Program Gets New Director

We are pleased to announce that Professor Phil McCabe, Associate Chairman of the Psychology Department, has been appointed by Dean James Wyche of the College of Arts and Sciences to be the new Director of the Undergraduate Neuroscience Program. The undergraduate major was developed at the behest of the Provost, Luis Glaser, who offered substantial funding for the development of interdisciplinary programs. The program is a collaboration between the Psychology and Biology Departments and the graduate Neuroscience program whose faculty are housed on the Medical Campus and the Rosensteil School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Dr. McCabe will be working with a Steering Committee to help him establish guidelines for the program. Along with Drs. David Wilson and Jon Lu, from Biology, Ed Green and Victoria Noriega from Psychology, John Bikby, Dalton Deitrich, Nilupa Chaudhari, and Robert Keans from the Medical School, Dr. McCabe hopes to take the Neuroscience program to new heights. The establishment of a new neuroscience laboratory, along with opportunities for students to work in labs on the medical campus has already attracted many students. Lois Pope has helped the effort by providing funds for undergraduate neuroscience majors who want to expand their research horizons. Undergraduates Melissa Bent and Jennifer McDonald were the first recipients of the stipend. One major goal of Dr. McCabe's is to bring speakers from around the country to share their expertise with students and faculty alike.

Welcoming new faculty member, Biing Shen

Assistant Professor Biing Shen received his doctoral degree in clinical psychology from UCLA and completed his postdoctoral training in behavioral medicine at the Centers for Behavioral & Preventive Medicine at Brown University before he came here. He is very happy to join the Department of Psychology at the University of Miami. Although Biing is new to South Florida, he finds it sharing many similarities with southern California (except for the temperature, humidity, weather...)

Biing's research mainly focuses on the psychosocial issues among individuals with heart disease and people at high risk for developing cardiovascular disease and diabetes. In one project, he examines the relationships among personality characteristics, social support, mood states, and coping to explore how they influence heart patients' recovery. He hopes to identify the psychosocial elements essential for achieving better recovery in order to design more effective intervention programs. Biing also conducts research on the metabolic syndrome, which is thought to underlie the development of heart disease and diabetes. Collaborating with colleagues in Boston and Providence, he is studying a group of aging adults participating in a longitudinal study to find better ways to define the syndrome and to explore how psychosocial factors (e.g., personality, anxiety, and depression) are related to various components of the syndrome. Biing also has interest in ethnic issues related to health and mental health. He is preparing to collaborate with researchers across the country on a recently completed national psychiatric epidemiological study of Hispanic/Latino and Asian Americans. Finally, in clinical work, Biing is familiar with psychosocial interventions for patients with cardiovascular disease and chronic illness. He also has training to provide manualized cognitive behavioral treatment for individuals with anxiety disorders (panic disorders).

Where are they now?

Kimberly Brownley is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Dean Cruess is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania and recently received a grant, from NIH for his work on "HIV in Women: Depression and Immunity.

Elizabeth Dattmer is now Director of Behavioral Medicine at the Albuquerqe VA Medical Center in New Mexico.

Deborah L. Jones is now Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Barry University, FL, and is also the Project Director for an NIH grant, "The New Project: Barrier Acceptability among Culturally Diverse HIV+ Women."

Susan Lutgendorf, Associate Professor at the University of Iowa, recently received a grant, "Biobehavioral-Cytokine Interactions in Ovarian Cancer" from NCI.

Deidre Byrnes-Priera is now Assistant Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Florida. (We hope she can remain a Gator in Gator territory.)

Frank Perna, currently Associate Professor at Boston University, recently received a grant from NIDA, "Exercise and Nicotine Replacement for Female Smokers."

Mario Rodriguez is currently Project Director, Research and Development for Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. in Lutz, Florida.

Kathleen Starr holds the position of Vice-President of Research for Medical Marketing Research, Inc. in Kansas City, MO.
Alumni Notes

Doctoral Degrees

1966
William Francis Viscull

1969
Tom Golden
In 2003, I was a faculty speaker at a seminar on "Overinflated Children: Dealing with At-risk Youth and Their Enabling Parents." I have 32 years of clinical skills in Behavioral Analysis and Modification and am the founder of the Center for Behavior Change.

Alexander A. Manning
I am a clinical neuropsychologist at the Health and Rehabilitation Psychologists of Charlotte, NC, where I live with my wife, Irene.

Janet McCandless
I am now retired from private practice and spend my time as a full-time grandmother.

1972
Michael A. Weitz
I retired from the Department of Veteran Affairs in 1996 after 30 years of federal service, and developing two Vet Centers in Miami and West Palm Beach for Readjustment Counseling Service of the VA. I retired from the US Army as a Lt. Colonel after 20 years of military service (14 on active duty). My specialty is in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Trauma. I now have a private practice in forensic psychology. I am working on a paper correlating stress disorder in combat veterans with post-military legal problems and incarcerations for violent behavior.

Anthony P. Sabatasso
After 30 years as the Clinical Director of the Fight the Fear Clinic near San Francisco treating PTSD and trauma, I have retired. I will continue the forensic component of my work in the Russian River area of Northern California. I continue to teach at Hastings Law School and cheer for the Miami Hurricanes.

1974
Susan D. Moss (Froelich)
I am a psychotraumatologist in private practice and Adjunct Professor at the University of Virginia.

1975
George John Prassinos
In July of 2001, I retired as Chief Psychologist in the Federal Prison. In 2002, I published a book with Dr. R. Alexander entitled Correcting Addictions. The book, which made the best seller list, was published by the American Correctional Association. In September of this year, I joined the faculty at Virginia State University as Assistant Professor of Psychology. My wife Jane and I live in Colonial Heights, VA.

1976
Deborah L. Winer
After years of working in Community Mental Health, I am now in private practice as my third and youngest child goes off to college. I live in Beaverton, OR with my husband, Brian Gannon.

1981
Charles Vanschoor
The news is that I just had a kidney transplant. I also have only 20 months to go until I graze in the pastures of retirement. I do lots of technical work for publishers such as text reviews, revising, and evaluating the potential of future publishing projects. I am Professor of Psychology at Miami Dade Community College.

1982
Eris Denham
I have been in the practice of psychotherapy for 16 years. I live in Gainesville with my wife Jacqueline and our children, Lizzie and Hunter. I published an article on "Masculinity and the Soporans" in amanoverboard.net (an online journal).

1984
Bill LeBlanc
I completed training and received a private pilot license in July of 2000. I published an article in Personnel Psychology, with colleagues J. S. Pincus, titled "Design and Analysis of Multiple Choice Preference Data." I live in Celebration, FL with my wife Fanny and our children.

Barbara Medine Deluty
I have been working at Springfield Hospital Center for twenty years! I have been in part-time private practice since 1986. I live in Elliott City, MD with my husband, Robert, (a Psychologist at the University of Maryland), and our daughter, Laura (16) and our son David (11). I am currently Director of Addiction Services and Director of Trauma Recovery Services. I am also co-Director of Postdoctoral Training in Addictions and Forensics.

1985
Anne E. Hogan
I am now the Training Director of the New Harris Infant Mental Health Center at the Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy at PA State University.

1988
Marie-Claude Canzon
After completing a two-year post doc at Rutgers, I obtained a NJ license and am currently in private practice. I currently serve on the Program Committee of the NJPA, and volunteer as a facilitator at the Resource Center for Women, Summit. My husband, Denis Engerer, also a U of M doctoral alum, and I are the proud parents of Bivel, age 14 and Adam, age 13.

1990
Preston A. Britton
I was promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure) in the School of Family Studies, College of Health and Human Development, University of Connecticut. I was also honored as a 2003-2004 Teaching Fellow (the highest award at UConn). I serve as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Primary Prevention and will soon take my place as the Editor. I have recently published in Cross Cultural Research, Development and Psychopathology, Family Relations, and the Journal of Child and Family Studies. My wife, Susanne, son Sam, and I recently welcomed little sister, Serena, born in January 2005.

2003
Dan Dennelly
I am currently working in private practice, enjoying life in Alexandria, VA (the "burbs" of Washington, D.C.) with my wife, Polly, and our two daughters, Casey, age 6 and Danette, age 8.

Brian A. Esterling
This has been a busy year. After 25 years outside of mental health/psychology, I have returned as Clinical Director of Value Options. Christy and I have also built our second house and moved in last November. Our son, Ben, started preschool. Finally, we are thrilled that Miami joined the ACC so that we can catch a few games with Duke, UNC, Wake Forest or NC State.

1992
Dan Segal
I am enjoying my work at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, doing the teaching and research thing. If anyone wants to give me a million dollars to fund my research, I would appreciate it!

1993
Cindy Kalmier
I am still teaching at Pike's Peak Community College in Colorado. I introduced 2 online courses for the Psychology Department and was promoted to Associate Professor. I am enjoying life with Dan and Shaynie (age 2).

1994
John Lawrence
I took a tenure track position at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York. I won the Clinical Research Award at the 2005 American Burn Association Conference. In 2005, I had one publication in The Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation. The article "Personality, coping, chronic stress, social support, and PTSD symptoms among adult burn survivors: A path analysis" was co-authored with J. Fausterbach. My wife, Angela, started a Ph.D. program in Music Therapy at the CUNY Grad Center this fall.

Mary Partridge
My husband Matt Spetnagel and I are in our third year in Israel. I am not teaching here, but am a fulltime mom, busy chauffeuring kids. Douglas is playing on the Herzlia City basketball team and Laura is back and forth to the staples. Come visit. We're just across from the beach!

Ruth Quilliam-Wolosov
I am grateful and delighted to announce that I have an amazing baby girl, Emma (aka, "the bug") born on Valentine's Day, 2003. Professionally, last year I resigned as Director of Health Psychology at Duke's Center for Living with Chronic Disease. I am a member of the innovative and fabulous group of faculty at the Duke Center for Integrative Medicine. I practice clinically and research mediation based treatment for binge eating and prospective health planning. In 2005, my husband Mark and I published a chapter called "Stress Management at Work" in the Handbook of Occupational Health Psychology, edited by Quick and Tredick.

Peter R. Tischer
I am a psychotherapist in Fort Jefferson, New York, where I live with my wife, Lusinda Fulton Tischer.

Victoria Noriega
I am happy to announce that I married Mr. Davd King on September 8. I shall become a grandmother in April.

Donna J. Phillips
I am still at the Comprehensive Pain and Rehabilitation Center as South Shore Hospital on Miami Beach. This summer we have endured fire, flood, and reconstruction and are now in transition from a UM Center to an independent rehab facility. Our stress management skills are maxed out at this point, but fortunately, my significant other (who is recovering from a ruptured appendix) and I were able to head to South America for a much needed vacation.
Alumni Notes

Ellen Davie
1995
After four years as Clinical Director of the Kennewick Center in Philadelphia, I opened up a private practice where I specialize in treating children and adolescents with anxiety and eating disorders. I share my practice with my husband Alex Gonzalez, we’re expecting a first baby in November.

Michelle Jean-Gillese
I am a Research Assistant Professor at Florida International University, Boca Bay Campus. My husband, Dr. Larry Pierre, and I live in Miramar.

Jack Burkhalter
1997
I received an NCI grant to examine motivation to quit smoking among LGBT smokers (Lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender individuals). I published one article in Cancer Investigation entitled “Family-oncologist communication in cancer patient care.” I continue to live happily with my partner of ten years, Lawrence Chanen.

Lois-Lynn S. Deuel

Vicki DiLillo
I married Joey Ruel last fall in Birmingham, where we currently live. We are having lots of fun and staying busy with work. We would love to hear from people.

Heather Altman Hopper
My husband Andy and I are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Samantha Isabelle, born February 2002. I have recently been promoted to Assistant Director of the Counseling Center at George Tech.

Tracie Mertz
My husband, Jonathan Kefler and I live in Greenville, SC with our daughters, Aubrey (39)” and Sydney (2), who make everyday an exciting, new adventure! My parent recently moved to Greenville, which has been great for the whole family. My work role as a neuropsychologist at the Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital, continues to be very dynamic.

Barbara Wolfadof
1998
I am Associate Director of the Boston VA Outpatient Health Psychology Clinic, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine.

Sonya Abrams-Khnani
1999
I am involved in a longitudinal, multicase study funded by the Centers for Disease Control entitled “Legacy for Children.” I hold adjunct positions at Barry University, Florida Memorial College, and Psych Solutions, Inc. I live in Coconut Grove with my husband, Keith and our baby daughter.

Sangesta Mallik
I am working on several national studies funded by the office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education on Children with Disabilities. I am trying to publish some of the results this year. I am working on a publication on low birth weight infants and toddlers entering early intervention. I enjoy my work and colleagues at South International. I live in Mountain View, CA with my spouse, Ajoy Mallik, also a UM alum.

Rita Goldstein
1999
I had a very successful year! I am an Assistant Scientist at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and received a grant with five-year funding from the NIDA (A K award). I also received two year funding from NARSAD (Young Investigators Award) and a one year seed grant from SUNY Stony Brook and BNL. Funding is a two-year grant from the DOE. Consequently, my lab is buzzing with neuropsychology imaging research on brain addiction (cocaine) and other problem behavior. Details can be found on my web page through BNL. On the home front, my daughter (Zoe) is three and a half years old, Max (the dog) weighs 85 lb, my husband, Danny is as supportive as ever, and we are moving to a new place. As you can see, I did discover runner's high!

Alex Gonzalez
2000
I am in private practice with my wife, Ellen Davie, and also Clinical Coordinator of Eagleville Hospital. We are looking forward to the birth of our first child.

Sharon Leach
I am working on an externally funded grant to study executive functioning in older children and adolescents using FMRI. My husband Dan House and I are excitedly expecting our second child in November.

Allison Grossman (Goldstein)
My husband Greg and I have a beautiful son, named J.Executivefunctioning in older children and adolescents using FMRI. My husband Dan House and I are excitedly expecting our second child in November.

Barry A. McGregor
This past year, I became a mom when my partner Terri had a little boy named Ian. I passed the written and oral exams for licensure in the state of Washington, and I got a nice faculty job at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. No wonder I’ve been tired lately!

Carol Winett
I became a licensed health care provider in Massachusetts. I am a Clinical Assistant Instructor in Psychology at Mass General Hospital.

Master’s Degrees

Murray Heiken
1950
Since retiring five years ago, my wife Rosalin and I have gotten into a wonderful amount of travel. We have continued our learning and growth through the Institute for Retired Professionals at UM. Our son Gary Heiken, completed the Play Program at Nova University and is in private practice in Broward County and the father of our two grandchildren.

Thomas E. Thornton
1954
I am a retired Chief Psychologist at the Department of Veterans Affairs. I live in Palm Beach with my wife, Marian.

Alan F. Greenwald
1955
Several years ago, I retired as Chief of the Psychological Services Division, National Security Agency. I recently celebrated 40 years of professional association with the St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, M.D. I live in Baltimore with my wife, Marian, who is also a UM alum.

David Miller
1956
I was elected President of the Hudson Valley (NY) Psychological Association, Inc. and will be designated President Emeritus in September 2003. I am in full time private practice in NY and live with my wife, Phyllis.

John Powell
1967
I am working on another degree, am at the dissertation stage in a Doctor of Ministry program founded by Matthew Fox. I am self-employed as a curriculum consultant.

Bachelor’s Degrees

William J. Anderson
1962
I retired December 2002 from Indiana University where I was Professor of anatomy and cell biology. I was actively involved in NIH in several different study sections. I chaired the Pharmacology section of the "Alternatives to Medicine," 1974.

Carol Anderson (Slaven)
1964
I received the Teacher of the Year Award at Archbishop Carroll High School where I am the Chairperson of the Fine Arts Department.

Karen A. Pearson
1985
I am a counselor at Foster Elementary School and have just finished a term as President of the Alachua County Counseling Association. I live in Gainesville with my husband, C. Norman Pearson, Jr.

Barry S. Grant
1990
In June 2003, I graduated from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University with an MBA with majors in Marketing, Management and Strategy, and Technology Industry Management. I joined the Marketing Leadership Program at Ford Motor Company as Product Marketing Manager for next generation SUVs.

Nadia Sutherland
1998
I received my MD, from Wake Forest University in 2002, and am currently a Pediatric Resident at the University of Florida. I am planning to apply for specialty training in the field of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology later this year.

Jennifer Anne Karpe (Maine)
2001
This year I received the University of Alabama’s Graduate Council Fellowship – full tuition waiver plus a $14K stipend based on letters of recommendation and academic performance, together with the Graduate Council Fellowship–$10K over 2 years. I was first author on an article in the Journal of Clinical Psychology, co-authored by Forrest Scogin, on “The effectiveness of self-administered treatments: A practice-friendly review of the research.” I married William Karpe and live in Northport, AL.

Orly Z. Ancona
I have completed my first year of pharmacy school at Nova Southeastern University, making Dean’s list both semesters. I will marry Mr. Lewis D. Chazan on Nov. 19, 2003.

Tyra Farrow
I am starting my graduate program at Tulane University in the fall and will be pursuing my master’s degree in Clinical Social Work.

Margaux Manley
I have been hired as a graduate assistant in Student Activities at FSU. I am advising the student group, Student Campus Entertainment, and starting my master’s in Higher Education.

Fall 2003
Undergraduate Update

The Undergraduate Program continues to be directed by Dr. Victoria Noriega. Her new office is conveniently located adjacent to the Office of Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP), thus facilitating collaboration with Advisor Jose Rodriguez. The spacious Student Lobby connects to UASP through glass doors, giving easy access to the 780 undergraduate students being advised in the Department this year.

Chairman Rod Wellens’ commitment to undergraduates and the services provided to them has facilitated this evolution, but it is the participation of the faculty in the various undergraduate programs that has made the difference in our program overall. Special thanks this year go to Dr. Frank Penedo, who served as the Faculty Supervisor for our award winning Phi Chi Chapter, presided over last year by Shehani Perera and Marilyn Sampilo, both of whom have now graduated. Another special thanks goes to Jean-Philippe Laurenceau who mentored 4 Senior Honors Theses last year. Dr. Laurenceau worked with all of these students in research for credit (PSY 567/8) and the summer PRIME program. We continue to rely heavily on the very popular Dr. Rod Gillis who has focused his attention recently in Introductory Psychology, Statistics, and Experimental Personality and Social Psychology. Other mainstays of undergraduate teaching include Drs. Rick Stuetzle (Statistics and Experimental Psychology), Ray Winters (Intro and Emotion), Jose Guerrier (Industrial and Experimental Laboratory), Lynn Durel (Intro, Psychobiology, and Health and Medical Psychology) Frank Fote (Statistics) and Steve Sutton (Statistics and Motivation). Other popular teachers who specialize in undergraduate teaching include Drs. Judith McCalla (Intro), Michael DiTomaso (Personality Theory), and Luly Casares (Intro to Personality). Thanks to everyone for the great job.

FACT FORUM

The foundation of the undergraduate program is FACT FORUM. During the Fall, all 120 first semester students who had declared Psychology or Neuroscience, met weekly with Dr. Victoria Noriega in small groups. These FACT (First year Advising Contact Term) sections are facilitated by the presence of Advisor Jose Rodriguez and the Peer Advisors who helped to make the program meaningful and accessible to all. In the informal setting, students share information and can ask questions about the school and the program. They can begin to establish social networks with other students. As they began to explore the requirements and opportunities of the undergraduate program, students began to think about putting these into a framework for a future that includes graduation, establishment of a career, and life-long learning. We used a brief critical thinking test to help students understand the scientific nature of the discipline of psychology, and to put undergraduate education in context with personal life and the world at large. This year the students voted to do a short vocabulary exercise, i.e., to learn and share with the group, one new word each week. This exercise serves to make students aware (sometimes, surprisingly) of words they do not know, and need to learn before they try their hand at the Graduate Record Exam, which as most of us know, can sneak up on us when we are busy doing other things!

During the spring semester, we maintained close contact with the Freshmen students throughout the spring semester by means of the FORUM program. Meeting weekly with 10-25 Psychology majors were faculty members Marie Cheour, Angie Claeues, Mike McCullough, Frank Penedo, Daniel Messinger, Ray Winters, and Marygrace Yale. Ed Green, Phil McCabe, and David Wilson (Biology) met with Neuroscience majors. Faculty led discussions highlighting some of the important research studies in psychology and helped students become aware of research opportunities within the Department. Short writing assignments helped students identify problems in their writing. The small class size gave students the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member early on in their college career. Faculty got a chance to teach and mentor undergraduate students. Doing what they do best made the faculty-student interactions more meaningful and fulfilling, and freed faculty from the repetition and red tape involved in traditional advising sessions. Although visits to the advisor are mandated only for students with less than junior standing, upper-class students continue to touch base with us throughout their undergraduate years.

Peer Advisors

Our connection with the students is greatly facilitated by the Peer Advisors. Supervised by Advisor Jose Rodriguez, these thirteen students serve as a finger on the pulse of the undergraduate population.

Theresa Dulski  Alyson Clark
Mark Cusick  Jason Esteves
Kalen Horney  Megha Karkera
Kristen Klufas  Olga Moas
Sheila Nadiminti  Joanne Nunes
Alex Ortiz  Amy Outz
Matthew Wolfe  Stephanie Wasserman

Peer Advising for the Psychology Department has been described as “one of the best jobs on campus.” Last year, over 40 students applied for the six open job spots. The hiring of Peer Advisors is highly selective. Most of the Peer Advisors are active in our award winning Phi Chi Chapter, who also sent volunteers to the various events.

Peer Advisors are a main interface with undergraduates, relating in ways no adult can. They are the ambassadors to the Department, serving as role models and sources of information.

The interview process is highly selective, designed to ensure the quality of the students, as well as to give students a look at the real life process of applying for a job. On the job, Peer Advisors get varied work experience as they help us with the many different aspects of the office.

The September 03 edition of the American Psychological Association's Monitor featured the APA/NIGMS project to enhance minority presence in the biopsychological pipeline. The Department has participated actively in this project for the past five years and has had considerable success, providing research opportunities for over 50 minority students. PRIME II, funded by the Dean and Provost, has provided similar summer research funding and mentoring for about 30 students regardless of ethnicity or research interest. The Monitor article highlighted UM's program, including a picture of the Summer 2003 group (left). Victoria Noreiga is coordinator for the program, and Advisor Jose Rodriguez, a former PRIME student, himself, served again this year as the graduate student mentor. All PRIME students will present their findings at the UCON (see below). The PRIME program has contributed enormously to the success of our students. The careful mentoring of our faculty has enabled us to increase the number of Senior Honors Theses ten fold. Undergraduates continue to present their research at both undergraduate and professional conferences. About 45% of our graduating students have participated in research for course credit. Pictured at right are Gabriel Widi, summa cum laude and Outstanding Psychobiology Major, Susan Acosta, Eber Award Winner, Anthony Barreto, summa cum laude, and Marilyn Sampilo, summa cum laude and Outstanding Psychology Major.

Undergraduate Conference for Research in Psychology

The third UCON was held this year at the Whitten University Center. Twenty-one undergraduate psychology and psychobiology posters were presented in the International Lounge by students from the University of Miami and Florida International University's PRIME program. Nine undergraduate used Power-Point to supplement their oral presentations, made in the Flamingo Ballroom.

Cash prizes were awarded for both Poster and Oral Presentations. In the Poster Presentation category, first place went to Frank Bandiera of UM. Frank transferred to UM from MDCC, and is currently working on his Senior Honors Thesis with Dr. Ron Duran. In the oral presentation category, Caroline Caperton took home a first prize. Caroline did her research with Dr. Phil McCabe and has gone on to medical school this year.

Over 160 people attended the event, including students from UM, FIU, and MDCC, whose students participated with us in the PRIME program over the summer (see above). Faculty and students and their quests enjoyed a buffet luncheon prepared by Victoria Noreiga and served up by Advisor Jose Rodriguez and UASP's staff of thirteen Peer Advisors. The larger than expected crowd devoured most of the food within the first half-hour, a situation which will be anticipated and corrected for during the next conference, scheduled to take place in November of this year.

Neuroscience

The Undergraduate Neuroscience Major was initiated two years ago, and was a reconceptualization and reconfiguration of the former Psychobiology major. Last year, Dr. David Wilson was the Director of the program. Like Psychology majors, all incoming, declared Neuroscience majors take part in FACT FORUM. Associate Professor Edward Green has been a neuroscience mentor for the full five years of the program’s existence. Green reports that “several students who were in my FORUM, are now working in the lab! The FORUM is a great pipeline for students to get interested in research.” Newly appointed Director, Dr. McCabe plans symposia and guest lectures for Neuroscience students. We are looking forward to a great year!

During its first year, Neuroscience counted about 90 majors. This year, including incoming freshman, there are approximately 150 majors. Recent undergraduates cum graduate student, Jose Rodriguez and Blake Scanlon, are assisting Dr. McCabe and Dr. Noreiga in the administration of the program.

Phi Beta Kappa Inductees

Fall 2003
Celebrations and Events

Arts and Sciences
Interdisciplinary Symposium

The Departments of Biology, Philosophy, and Psychology joined together to present the first interdisciplinary symposium in the College of Arts and Sciences. "The Evolution of Cognition and Emotion" was presented in the Storer Auditorium on March 3-4 of this year. The two day event featured distinguished speakers from around the United States. Each approached the topic from his or her unique disciplinary viewpoint. Be on the lookout for other interdisciplinary events in the near future.

David Bjorkland, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology
Florida Atlantic University
Frans de Waal, Ph.D., Director, Living Links Center
Yerkes Primate Center, Emory University
Nancy Eisenberg, Ph.D., Regents Professor
Arizona State University
Simone Levine, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy, University of Miami

University's Research and Creativity Day

Dr. Steve Ullman, Dean of the Graduate School awarded first prize checks to Psychology Graduate Students, Greg Feldman and Courtney Burnett for the posters they presented at University's Research and Creativity Forum in March of 2002. Greg Feldman was the first place winner for his poster on Productive Mental Problem Solving: Cognitive Flexibility as an Alternative to Worry and Ruminations.

Courtney Burnett tied for first place with her poster titled, Relations between Social Impairments and EEG Measures in Children with High Functioning Autism. Roselyn Smith and Peter Theodore took home second and third places, respectively. Although this event is in its seventh season, this year the RCD teamed up with Inquiry: the Undergraduate Research Connection to feature not only graduate students, but undergraduates, as well. Psychology students fared well, in general, producing more than a third of all the works presented. Pictured above are (from the left) Roselyn Smith, Blake Scanlon, Carolina Yunis, Susan Acosta, Melissa Magyar, Melissa Bent, Courtney Burnett, and Greg Feldman.

Gatherings
Graduate Student News

Internship 2003-2004

We are delighted to report that all 9 students who applied for internship this year were placed on APPIC match day at one of their top internship choices. This year the majority of our students are either remaining in Miami or headed to Boston. All of the placements are APA-accredited, and pay full stipends. The students and their placements are:

Karen Bearman Miller
David Greenawalt
Sophie Guellati-Salcedo
Johanna Klaus
Conall O’Céiirigh
Anna Maria Patino
Roselyn Smith
Kurrie Wells
Jocelyn Winzer

UM/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, Miami, FL
University of Texas Counseling Center, Austin, TX
Danielson Institute at Boston University, Boston, MA
VA Medical Center, Miami, FL
Harvard Medicine/Mass General Hospital, Boston, MA
Harvard Medicine/Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA
VA Medical Center, Miami, FL
Temple University Health Science Center, Philadelphia, PA
Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology, Boston, MA

Congratulations to our new Ph.D.s!

Anna Rusiewicz, Health Division
Aimee Danielson Health Division
Beth Yazzquez Child Division
Yuly Pombares Child Division
Vida Petronis Adult Division

Annual Graduate Student Awards

This year the faculty selected Julie Simons and Camillo Ruggero as the Outstanding Teaching Assistants. Dean Pals presented each of them with a $500 Fellowship award and a plaque at the award luncheon held at the Faculty Club.

The Kirk R. Danhour Memorial Award is conferred each Spring on one fourth year graduate student from each of the Department’s three program divisions. Students are selected by the faculty based on their outstanding academic performance, progress and quality of their research, development of clinical skills (if applicable) and leadership, social integration, and involvement in Department activities. The Award this year went to Gregory Feldman of the Adult Track, Amy Vaughan of the Child Track, and Johanna Klaus of the Health Track. A prize of $150 was received by students in each track. The students’ names were added to a plaque on display on the fifth floor of the Flipse Building.

Caroline F. Acra was the recipient of the Dr. Carol Alson Fineman Award given in support of research dealing with abused or emotionally disturbed children. Nicole received $300 and a plaque.

The Department of Psychology Graduate Student Appreciation Bertha Weber Award was presented to Courtney Burnette who received a certificate of appreciation and $500 at the Graduate Student Appreciation Award Ceremony held at the Rathskeller.

The Jennifer L. Strauss Summer Dissertation Award was presented to Roselyn Smith, enabling Roselyn to complete her dissertation before leaving on internship.

With a little help from our Ph.D.s....

Annette M. La Greca Ph.D., Director, Clinical Program

Every spring, the clinical program gathers information on current students, interns, and graduates in order to file an annual report to the American Psychological Association (APA). This information is required to maintain our accreditation status. Because of the way the information is requested from APA, we are required to report the current post-doctoral and job activities of our graduates more than a year after most students receive their PhDs. In addition, because of the way we have defined our “outcome” criteria for program success, we must track graduates over an extended time period, and report our graduates’ scores on the national licensing exam, success in receiving state licensure, as well as publishing and various other professional activities (e.g., grants).

As a consequence, you will receive emails, letters, or phone calls asking you to update us on your activities and accomplishments. When you do, we really appreciate a prompt reply. Even better, please drop us a note when you move, change your email address, change jobs, or have good news to share with us! Also, send us a current curriculum vitae. Our Administrative Assistant, Liz Reyes, coordinates this information, and the best way to reach her is via email (lreyes@umiami.edu) or phone 305-284-5720, although “snail mail” can also be used (PO Box 249229, U of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33124).
Clinical and Community Outreach

Psychological Services Center

It was a busy year for the Psychological Services Center. Dr. Kim Fuller remains Director of the Center. While planning our move to the new Filipe Building, we introduced several new programs, trained more students than we have in the past five years, increased the number of visits by 33%, and received stellar ratings from our clients.

We are very excited about setting up the Clinic in Filipe. Our move will mark the first time since its establishment that the Clinic will be housed with the rest of the Psychology Department. This should enable us to have better coordination among student therapists, supervisors, and administrators and will doubtless save everyone involved with the Clinic countless hours of driving and parking!

One of our biggest accomplishments has been the Autism Spectrum Assessment Clinic (ASAC), which was in planning for over a year. In September 2002 the ASAC, a multidisciplinary team that assesses young children suspected to be in the autism spectrum, began seeing clients. Our team is led by Dr. Kety Patino Gonzalez, Ph.D. and also includes Dr. Roberto Tuchman, a child neurologist, Danielle Thorp, an advanced graduate student with much experience with children in the autism spectrum, Elisabeth Thurlow, Psy.D., an adjunct faculty member, Jennifer Stella Durocher, from the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), Barbara Roca, a speech and language pathologist, and Dianely Perez, an occupational therapist. In the past ten months we have seen a total of twenty children ranging in age from 11 months to 5 1/2 years. Clients have come from Miami as well as from other states, the Caribbean and Latin America. Our plans for this coming year include publicizing our services in order to expand the clinic and creating a practicum for graduate students who are interested in autism. Our webpage will be coming soon!

Another innovative new program was a mindfulness meditation group, developed by Jeff Greenberg, our Health Psychology students. The group is based on the work of Jon Kabat-Zinn and others. Approximately a dozen clients attended the 8-session group and we have a long waiting list for our next offering in the fall. Mindfulness meditation is increasingly being incorporated into various therapeutic approaches, especially in the treatment of depression, pain and other recurrent or longstanding problems. It is anticipated that demand for training in this technique will grow.

This year we served 537 clients, and provided clinical training to 43 graduate students in all years of the program. We had three research postdoctoral trainees who volunteered time to see clients and receive advanced clinical training at the Clinic. Additionally, six members of the faculty also saw clients at the Center this year. During the Spring 2003 semester, a postdoctoral practicum was developed that will allow postdoctoral trainees who are not already affiliated with the University of Miami to receive clinical training at the Psychological Services Center. Until now, we have only been able to allow postdocs who are already employed at the University to see clients at the Center. This practicum will be offered as a 1-credit post-graduate class through the Psychology Department and the School of Continuing Studies. Training will be customized to the needs of the trainee and may include advanced training in individual, group, couples or family therapy, training in doing supervision and consultation or training in advanced assessment techniques. Interested candidates may apply to this program by submitting a curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to the Director of the Psychological Services Center.

The clients served by the Clinic seem to be very pleased with the quality of services they receive. For two weeks in November 2002 we gave all our clients a satisfaction survey to complete. Results indicated that clients view their therapists as highly responsive to their concerns (mean of 5.0 on a five-point Likert scale), see therapy at the Center as helpful (mean of 4.6), and rate the quality of services as high (4.8). Our hope is that our services will only continue to improve in the coming year.

Counseling Center

- Dr. Malcolm Kahn continues as Director of the Counseling Center. Long-time faculty members, Edward Rappaport, Barry Zweibelman, Pam Deroian, and Carolyn Eberhardts continue to provide much needed services to our students.
- The Counseling Center has been renovated over the summer, greatly improving its appearance and creating more space which will allow for more efficiency.
- We are busier than ever; the number of students obtaining counseling services here has doubled in the last 12 years.
- We now have 17 hours of psychiatric consultation per week, a Social Worker, and permission to hire a part-time substance abuse counselor.
- The Spirer internship program is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. APA recently reaccredited the program for another seven years. Our interns this year were Nicola Chung, Gretchen Doninger, and Stanley Hannah.
- We have been pleased by the recent trend for UM Clinical students trained at the Counseling Center to seek internships at counseling centers.
- Even more satisfying was the announcement by our alum, Chris Flynn, Director of the Counseling Center at Loyola University of New Orleans, that he had hired Vida Petronis, a recent graduate of UM's clinical graduate program. Petronis did a practicum with us in the Counseling Center and interned at Notre Dame's Counseling Center.
- Dr. Lula Caeares will leave the staff in November to enter full-time private practice. A search for a psychologist with Dr. Caeares' expertise in eating disorders has been initiated. Best wishes to Dr. Caeares!

Please visit our website at www.miami.edu/counseling-center to learn more about our program.
Center for Autism and Related Disorders

The University of Miami Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM CARD) has just completed its 10th year of providing free services to the autism community in South Florida. 2003-2004 represents the 11th consecutive year of funding from the Florida Legislature through the Florida Department of Education to support UM CARD's numerous community outreach programs and services. While our funding levels have not increased over the past 4 years, our constituency has grown dramatically. Currently, UM CARD serves over 3,000 families in Miami-Dade, Monroe, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. The community partnerships we have cultivated over the years continue to allow us to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our clients. We are particularly proud of our continued close collaboration with our school board partners. Our collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in particular, is recognized as a model of university-community collaboration. Additional partners include Nova Southeastern University and Florida Atlantic University, which house our Broward and Palm Beach County Regional Satellite Offices, and the Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center, home to our fully-staffed Dan Marino Center Branch Office. This regional branch site is entering its 3rd year of operations and is fully funded by a grant from our very good friends at the Dan Marino Foundation.

With a rapidly growing constituency and limited funding, UM CARD has encountered the same challenges facing other non-profit community-based service agencies during these difficult economic times. Fortunately for us, our constituency is dedicated, loyal, and determined to help us maintain (and even expand) our service programs. As a result of their efforts, this past year, UM CARD held its inaugural fundraising event, Tropical Nights 2003 was a smashing success, raising nearly $77,000 for UM CARD. This spectacular event, honoring Miami-Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas and UM CARD Executive Director Dr. Peter Mundy, was held at the home of our dear friends Michelle and Ralph Cruz. This beautiful evening would not have been possible without the efforts of Chairpersons C. Patricia Cruz, Michelle Cruz, and Marie-Ilene Whitehurst, and a remarkable and talented planning committee dedicated to preserving UM CARD and supporting the University of Miami. Special thanks also to all of our sponsors, event underwriters, celebrity guests, silent auction donors, and attendees.

UM CARD has frequently received national recognition from the Autism Society of America (ASA). In 1999, UM CARD was recognized by ASA as being the National Autism Program of the Year. Last year, UM CARD Associate Director Dr. Diane Adreon received the ASA Award for Outstanding Literary Achievement for her book, Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence. This year, UM CARD's Director, Dr. Michael Alessandri, received the Wendy F. Miller National Recognition Award for Outstanding Professional of the Year, also sponsored by the Autism Society of America.

Linda Ray Intervention Center

The Linda Ray Intervention Center is housed in an off-campus facility that was extensively renovated for the program by Infants In Need, a private non-profit organization. The original Linda Ray Intervention Project was designed to provide early intervention to children, ages newborn to three years, who had been prenatally exposed to cocaine. Since its founding in 1991 the program has served over six hundred families and has been shown to improve school readiness and literacy skills. Several other programs have been developed at Linda Ray.

The Miami Safe Start Initiative, provides University linked Early Head Start specialized services, targeting infants and toddlers in the child welfare system with verified maltreatment. This program improves the developmental outcomes for toddlers, increases the chances of family reunification and permanency for the child, and decreased the chances of further abuse or neglect in participating families.

The Florida Infant and Young Children's Mental Health Program improves parent-child interaction, support and encourages child coping skills, and reduces trauma symptoms in high risk parents and children while enhancing children's level of developmental functioning.

The Nurturing and Strengthening Families Program provides parenting intervention for the adults with identified substance abuse issues, and their children between the ages of 7 to 12 years.

Ages and Stages Screening, yet another program at the Linda Ray Center, provides important services to the Juvenile Court and child welfare system by completing development screenings of children in the 4 month to 3 year age range.

Executive Director and Founder of the Center, Dr. Keith Scott, works closely with several members of the Psychology Department to make all of this happen. Dr. Anna Clausen, Dr. Lynn Katz, Dr. Peter Mundy, and Dr. Marygrace Yale have been busy making it so this year. They and their graduate students have presented the results of these interventions at a variety of colloquia and conferences around the country. The results of the three year outcome are now in press in the Journal of Early Intervention. The Linda Ray Center has a staff of over 50 people.

Resources for the Linda Ray Center come from multiple funding streams including the Dade County Public Schools; The Department of Children and Families, Tallahassee and District XI; The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida from the US Department of Justice, Office Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Head Start/Community Action agency from The Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Infante and Toddler Early Intervention Services, Medicaid; and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.
Kudos

Graduate Teaching Award
This year, the Psychology Graduate Student Association elected Dr. Maria Llabre as Teacher of the Year. Co-Presidents of the FGSA, Courtney Burnett and Ana Maria Patino presented the award to Dr. Llabre at the annual Transitions Party. This traditional May event is a means of wishing well and saying good-bye to graduate students who are going on internship or post doc position. Last year’s event was held at the Founder’s Hall (formerly the Faculty Club). The graduate students, thanked Dr. Llabre for her continued dedication to teaching. This is the third time that Dr. Llabre has been distinguished with the Teacher of the Year Award. Her name is inscribed on a plaque of recipients located on the fifth floor of the Flippe building.

MUSE Award
The MUSE Award was created three years through the generous donations of a group of anonymous donors. It was the intention of the donors to recognize faculty Contributions to the Undergraduate Program. The MUSE CUP is engraved with the names of each year’s winner. This year, we were pleased to give the award to Dr. Victoria Noriega. As Director of the Undergraduate program, Dr. Noriega is the driving force behind the undergraduate program. Dr. Noriega has helped us gain national recognition by presenting the FACT FORUM at the Teaching of Psychology Symposium at APA in Toronto last year, and speaking in Washington at APA about the successes of the PRIME program.

Flagship Journal Editors
Charles Carver is the editor for the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences. Annette LaGreca, beginning January 2004, will be the Incoming Editor of the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

Books
Michael McCullough and Robert Emmone (Eds.) The Psychology of Gratitude.

Awards, Honors, and Achievements
Professor Annette LaGreca The Martin P. Levin Mentoring Award
Assistant Professor Michael Alessandrini The Wendy F. Miller National Recognition Award for Professional of the Year
Professor Emeritus Ted Millon The American Psychological Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research

A celebration of the contributions of Professor Emeritus Theodore Millon was held on Sunday October 19 at the Mayfair House Hotel in Coconut Grove. The Festeschrift (German for ‘celebration’ and ‘writing’) will feature special guests such as Ray Fowler, Ph.D., Adolph Orunbaum, Ph.D., and Melvin Sabehin, M.D. and other individuals whose work has been influenced by Dr. Millon. One of those, Dr. Stephen Strack, has edited the the Festeschrift of essays entitled Handbook of Personality and Psychopathology. Look for it in 2004.

New Grants
Michael Alessandrini “Effective Pre-School Programs for Children with Autism” DOE/USF
Michael Alessandrini “A Blueprint for an Effective System of Care for Individuals with Autism” FLA. FDDC/USF
Adela Hayes “Cognitive Therapy for Personality Disorders” NIMH
Barry Hurwitz “Drug Abuse, HIV, Selenium Supplementation, & CVD Risk” NIDA
Gail Ironson “Longitudinal analysis of Depression, Hopelessness and Personality” NIA
Gail Ironson “Medical Decision Making, Adherence, Quality of Life in People Living with HIV” Glaxo-SmithKline
J. P. Laurenceau “Personality and Daily Relationship Processes” NIMH
Neena Malik “Infusing Infant Mental Health Services in Early Head Start through Research-based Collaborative Partnerships” DHHS/ACYF
Mike McCullough “Forgiveness and Health: Development and Application of a Laboratory Paradigm Campaign for Forgiveness Research
Mike McCullough “Termian Spirituality and Health Project” John Templeton Foundation
Daniel Messinger “A Multi-Method Investigation of Infant Emotion” NICHD
Daniel Messinger “Does Smiling in the Face of Adversity Predict Optimal Outcomes?” U. Penn Positive Psychology Young Scholars
Keith Scotti/Marygrace Yale “Population-Based Surveillance of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities” CDC
**Facts of life**

*Go Canes!*  

Kent Schomber impresses Sebastian with a tour of his new mailroom

The Department's first Ph.D. graduate, Dr. Alfred Etaugh, died this year in Peoria Illinois where he had been Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Bradley University for many years. Dr. Etaugh graduated from our program in 1961 and was mentored by Professor Emeritus, Robert Tallarico.

**New staff member joins the Department**

As is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the "Personality Processes" section of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* is now being edited from the UM Department of Psychology. To assist Dr. Carver with this project, **Jessica Lillesand** has joined the department as the journal's Manuscript Coordinator. Jessica is a Miami native who went to Duke and received a B.A. in Psychology, Film, and Tibetan Buddhism. Her interests include yoga, volunteering for animal rights, sewing, working on car engines, the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira, hiking, swimming, and reading. Jessica is currently working toward a post-baccalaureate B.S. in Biology here at UM, and intends to go on to veterinary school.

Many of us who graduated from UM's Psychology Department are sure to remember these loyal supporters! From the left, **Pat Ferriera, Rhoda Nagle, Beryl Murray, Joyce Lator**, and in front, **Maria Almeida**. You will note that they have not changed a bit... it must be the weather. What do you think? For you more recent alums... where is the fountain?

**Research Associate Professor, Dr. Angelika Clausen**

has taken a job with the Centers for Disease Control. A former Ph.D. graduate under the direction of **Dr. Keith Scott**, Angie has been working at the Linda Ray Center since her graduation in 1996. In addition, Angie has mentored several PRIME students and Senior Honors Theses. We will miss her, but wish her well in her new position and hope that she and her husband and her baby daughter like Atlantic!

**Dr. Yuly Pomares** has taken a position at Miami Dade College (formerly Miami Dade Community College). Dr. Pomares will be teaching classes in psychology. More importantly, and fortunately for us, Dr. Pomares will be the liaison from Miami Dade for the APA/NIMH PRIME project. As a graduate student, Yuly worked under the direction of Professor Keith Scott. As part of her summer stipend, she was the graduate student mentor for the PRIME project for two years. Dr. Pomares' participation in the Southeast Region will be helpful to solidify our position as one of the most successful regions in the project.

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