

# Psychology News

Undergraduate Edition for Psychology and Neuroscience Majors

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College of Arts and Sciences

## A Message from the Department Chair

Dr. Rod Wellens

The 2005 academic year is at hand and the Psychology Department has settled nicely into the 'new' Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Building. You will be happy to know that travel between our classrooms and the center of campus will be easier this semester due to an expanded shuttle schedule and the new fifteen minute break between classes, approved by President Shalala and Provost Glaser.

The Psychology Department has many things planned this year. You will want to keep watch in the *Newsletter* for events like the Undergraduate Conference for Research in Psychology, the Community Lecture Series, Just Desserts, and a host of other opportunities to further expand your horizons.

When Dean Wyche stepped down last May, my role as Chairman of the Department was expanded to include new duties as Vice Dean for Social and Behavioral Sciences of the College of Arts and Sciences. A nationwide search for a new Dean is being conducted. With the help of the Vice Dean of Arts and Humanities and Life and Physical Sciences, we hope to establish solid lines of communication and collaboration between the other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as with the other colleges and schools on campus. Student, faculty, and administrator understanding of this multifaceted world will be facilitated by interdisciplinary efforts and connections.

We encourage you to facilitate this communication and collaboration by keeping abreast of the events and announcements made in the *Psychology News* and the *Neuro Notes* supplement.

## A Message from the Director of Undergraduate Studies

Dr. Victoria Noriega

On behalf of all of us in Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP), welcome to the Fall semester of the 2005 academic year at the University of Miami! As many of you know UASP is the comprehensive advising center serving all Psychology and Neuroscience majors. We are located on the fifth floor of the Flipse Building. Our glass-enclosed offices have become known as the "fish bowl!"

UASP is staffed by the Director of Undergraduate Studies (that's me!), Assistant Director of Advising, José Rodríguez, and Advisor Anna-Britt Fredericks. Assisting us are fifteen highly trained Peer Advisors. A few details about all of us can be found on pages 2 and 3. Our general mission is to help you get the most out of your undergraduate education. We can help with orientation, advising, research, mentoring, summer programs, and post-baccalaureate planning. You will want to stop by and see us at least once each semester.

As one of the most innovative and comprehensive Departments on campus, Psychology offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees that make for a well-rounded liberal arts education. With the changes in the general education and Arts & Sciences curricula, you will want to check with us to see exactly what is expected of and offered to you.

Although specifically designed with undergraduates in mind, *Psychology News* will contain valuable information for everyone in the Department, as well as other students, faculty, and administrators. If you have something you would like to announce, celebrate, or suggest, please let us know. Call UASP at x3303. There is also lots of information on our website [www.psy.miami.edu](http://www.psy.miami.edu).



### Find yourself!

1. Read *Psychology News*
2. See if your name is mentioned
3. Bring the newsletter to UASP and receive a free gift!

# Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology

The UASP staff is here to help you with schedule changes and curriculum planning. We can give you information on how to get involved with research, find a mentor, and do an Honors Thesis. Our office is located on the fifth floor of the Flipse Building in room 508 and is open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop by anytime or call us at (305) 284-3303.



**Anna-Britt Fredericks, B.A.** joined UASP this year as the Undergraduate Psychology Advisor and has a range of experiences that will help her to help you. She graduated with a double major in Psychology and Speech Communication from Augustana College, a small, liberal arts college in Rock Island, Illinois. For more than ten years, Anna worked in public relations

and marketing at several governmental and non-profit organizations. While working as the State Director of Communications & Marketing for the American Cancer Society, she became interested in the relationship between mental and physical health. To gain experience in the field of behavioral medicine, she began working for the Behavioral Oncology Program at the University of Louisville in Kentucky as a Clinic Coordinator and Research Assistant. In this position, she gained invaluable experience in conducting research and working with patients in a clinical setting. Anna moved to Miami a year ago and is currently considering graduate school options. She can be reached at [anabfred@miami.edu](mailto:anabfred@miami.edu).



**José Rodríguez, M.S.Ed.** was recently promoted to Assistant Director of Advising. He is here to help Psychology and Neuroscience students with advising, graduate school, and career planning issues. Originally from Torrance, California, José has lived in Miami for over ten years. An alumnus of UM, he

graduated in 2001 with a double major in Speech Communication and Psychology. As an undergraduate José conducted research in both the Department of Psychology and the School of Communication. A former PRIME student himself, José served as the graduate student mentor for the PRIME program for the third time this past summer. While working full-time at UASP, he completed his master's degree in Higher Education/Enrollment Management in the School of Education in 2003. In addition to working at UASP, he also teaches a public speaking course in the School of Communication. José plans to continue his graduate education; he is currently investigating Ph.D. programs. He can be reached at [JoseR@miami.edu](mailto:JoseR@miami.edu).



**Dr. Victoria Noriega, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Services for Psychology**, is also available to all students for consultation regarding your curriculum, your academic progress, and your future. She serves as the faculty advisor for all Neuroscience and Psychology majors, the FACT/FORUM program, and PSY 498 & 499 (Senior Honors Thesis). Also this semester, Dr. Noriega will be teaching Industrial and Organizational Psychology (PSY 261). Dr. Noriega is a California native who came to UM as an undergraduate transfer student in 1979. As a single mom of two small boys, she graduated with a B.A. in Psychology in 1984. After working for a biomedical firm for several years, she returned to the University to earn her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Dr. Noriega was in the Adult Clinical program, did her dissertation on breast cancer, her internship in a community mental health center, and her residency in a forensic setting. As an undergraduate, graduate student, and now faculty member and administrator, Dr. Noriega has had first hand experience in many roles in the Department. She can be reached at [vnoriega@miami.edu](mailto:vnoriega@miami.edu).



## Mark Your Calendar

**Last Day to Add a Class is Friday, September 3**  
September 3 is the last day for registration and to add a course.

### Last Day to Drop without a "W" is Friday, September 10th

If you drop a course before this date, it will never appear on your academic record. After this date, dropping a class will result in a "W" on your permanent record. Planning can avoid an unnecessary "W" on your record.

### Apply for Graduation

If you are a senior and plan to graduate in December or May, be sure to make an appointment to see Senior Advisor, Marian Dahman. Call (305) 284-4333 for an appointment. The last day to apply for Graduation in December is September 21. Don't wait until the last minute and risk the possibility of a delayed graduation!

## NOTES

### Hurricane Hotline

For the latest information on campus emergencies, like hurricanes, check: [www.miami.edu/prepare](http://www.miami.edu/prepare) or (305) 284-5151.

### UM Student Email

With all the junk email floating around, people are increasingly wary of opening email from bizarre user names. We encourage you to use the official UM student email service. For more information on establishing your UM email account, visit [umsis.miami.edu](http://umsis.miami.edu).

# Introducing Peer Advisors for 2004-2005



**Ansel Amaral** is a sophomore pursuing a B.S. in Neuroscience (Psychobiology Track). He plans to go to medical school and hopes to enter a M.D./Ph.D. program. Ansel enjoys all sports and is interested in cardiovascular research which he conducts during the summer. This is his first year as a Peer Advisor. [a.amaral@umiami.edu](mailto:a.amaral@umiami.edu)



**Sean Kilpatrick** is a junior working toward a B.A. in Psychology and Criminology. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and to eventually work for the government, in private practice, or in some aspect of criminal psychology. This is Sean's first year as a Peer Advisor. [skilpatrick@umiami.edu](mailto:skilpatrick@umiami.edu)



**Shoshana Brown** is a sophomore pursuing a B.A. in Psychology. She plans to go to graduate school to study Epidemiology (disease prevention). She hopes to work for the Center of Disease Control and make a difference in the AIDS epidemic. Shoshana enjoys volunteering for the community and meeting new people. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. [princessshoni@aol.com](mailto:princessshoni@aol.com)



**Olga Moas** is a junior working toward a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Criminology. She plans to attend graduate school in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology. This summer, Olga completed the PRIME program as a JUMPSTART student under the direction of Dr. Heather Henderson. This is Olga's second year as a Peer Advisor. [Olga0321@hotmail.com](mailto:Olga0321@hotmail.com)



**Alyson Clark** is a senior working toward a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Chemistry. She is interested in pursuing a career in osteopathic medicine and will be applying to D.O. school in the spring. This is Alyson's second year as a Peer Advisor. [Gemstar528@yahoo.com](mailto:Gemstar528@yahoo.com)



**Sheila Nadiminti** is a junior working toward a B.S. in Neuroscience (Psychobiology Track) with a minor in Chemistry. In the future, she plans to apply to dental school to become an orthodontist or maxillofacial surgeon. Sheila plays the violin and piano and is an active member of several volunteer organizations. This is Sheila's second year as a Peer Advisor. [s.nadiminti@umiami.edu](mailto:s.nadiminti@umiami.edu)



**Mark Cusick** is a junior working toward a B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Mathematics. He hopes to apply to graduate programs in child psychology to specialize in adolescence. Mark is an active member of UM's marching band where he plays the trumpet. This is his second year as a Peer Advisor. [m.cusick@umiami.edu](mailto:m.cusick@umiami.edu)



**Pooja Sheth** is a sophomore pursuing a B.S. in Neuroscience (Neurobiology Track) and Philosophy with a minor in Chemistry. She plans to attend medical school to become a neurosurgeon or pediatrician. Pooja enjoys independent films and rock music. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. [meltedtoothbrush@yahoo.com](mailto:meltedtoothbrush@yahoo.com)



**Theresa Dulski** is a senior working toward her B.S. in Psychobiology with a minor in Chemistry. This year she will be working on her Honors Thesis. In the future, Theresa hopes to attend medical school where she will study to become a pediatrician. This is Theresa's third year as a Peer Advisor. [t.dulski@umiami.edu](mailto:t.dulski@umiami.edu)



**Alex Ortiz** is a senior working toward a B.S. in Neuroscience (Psychobiology Track) with a minor in Chemistry. He will graduate pre-med; however, he plans on pursuing a year of grassroots, inner city work in youth violence prevention, followed by graduate work in Sociology. This is Alex's third year as a Peer Advisor. [bboyzhero@yahoo.com](mailto:bboyzhero@yahoo.com)



**Jason Esteves** is a senior pursuing a B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Biology. He hopes to attend graduate school in clinical psychology concentrating on affective mood disorders. This is Jason's second year as a Peer Advisor. [jesteves@umiami.edu](mailto:jesteves@umiami.edu)



**Amy Sun** is a sophomore pursuing a B.S. in Psychology with double minors in English and Chemistry. She enjoys volunteering and holds positions in LINK and Alternative Spring Break. Amy plans on attending medical school to become a pediatrician. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. [a.sun@umiami.edu](mailto:a.sun@umiami.edu)



**Kellen Horney** is a junior, and this will be his second year as a Peer Advisor. He is working toward a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Marketing. He hopes to have a future with a sporting goods company, or a professional sports team. This fall he is studying abroad in Australia. [horney312@yahoo.com](mailto:horney312@yahoo.com)



**Juan Villamar** is a junior working toward a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in English. He is thinking about his future plans and is considering graduate school in psychology. Juan loves music and is currently playing guitar in a band. This is his first year as a Peer Advisor. [andresvillamar@hotmail.com](mailto:andresvillamar@hotmail.com)



**Matthew Irwine** is a junior pursuing a B.S. in Neuroscience (Psychobiology Track) with a minor in Chemistry. He hopes to become a Pathologist. To gain experience, he works at a lab at Florida Hospital in Orlando during the summers. Matt is a member of the Men's Rowing Team at UM. This is his first year with UASP. [m.irwine@umiami.edu](mailto:m.irwine@umiami.edu)

## Interested in Being a Peer Advisor?

Peer Advisors are hired in the Spring. Contact the Undergraduate Academic Services staff at (305) 284-3303 for more information.

## Welcome Back Dr. Eva Szeli



We are pleased to welcome back to the University Dr. Eva Szeli who has spent the last few years advocating for mental health rights around the world.

Dr. Szeli graduated from UM with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1994. While working at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a staff psychologist with patients who were civilly committed, she became interested in the intersections between mental health and the law. Two years later, she entered UM School of Law focusing on mental health law. During this time she also taught many courses in the Department of Psychology, including Psychology and Law (PSY 590), Attitudes & Persuasion (PSY 333), Tests and Measurements (PSY 332), Statistics (PSY 204), and Social Psychology (PSY 201).

After graduating from law school in 1999, Dr. Szeli moved to the Washinton D.C. area and began consulting for Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI), a non-governmental organization dedicated to the international recognition and enforcement of the human rights of persons with mental disabilities. The MDRI had just gone into Kosovo to consult with the World Health Organization (WHO) on the rebuilding of the mental health system after the war.

In 2001, Dr. Szeli was hired as MDRI's Director of European Programs. She relocated to Budapest, Hungary to establish MDRI's Central and Eastern European Regional Office. She established a field office in Kosovo and spent several months on the ground in Kosovo monitoring mental health system reform and supervising a long-range project in mental disability advocacy. She also led fact-finding missions and advocacy trainings in Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Russia, and Serbia.

Dr. Szeli has become an expert in the mental disability area. She has advocated before several international bodies, such as the Council of Europe, the European Union, and the United Nations. She has also worked with many other international organizations, including Amnesty International, Doctors of the World, and the World Health Organization. Focusing especially on women's issues and deinstitutionalization, she has published articles on mental disability rights in U.S. and international journals.

Dr. Szeli recently returned to the United States to resume teaching Psychology at UM and to work on joint academic projects with colleagues at UM Law and N.Y. Law schools. She will continue to fight for mental disability rights around the world. You will want to check out the courses she will be teaching this semester, including Psychology of Law (PSY 590), Attitudes & Persuasion (PSY 333), and Experimental Psychology (PSY 316).

We welcome Dr. Szeli and her husband, Moylan Ryan, back to the U.S., and are especially pleased to have them here Miami. If you are anything like previous students who have had the pleasure of taking Dr. Szeli's classes, we think that you will be pleased, too!

## Alumni News

### **Cristina Gonzalez, B.A. '03 PSY/ENG**

Cristina recently received her Masters degree in Psychology in Education from the Clinical Psychology Department at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is currently looking in the New York City area for a position in marketing, advertising, or teaching psychology at the high school level. Cristina is keeping an open mind about her future plans. After working for a few years, she may return to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D., MBA, or law degree.

### **Jessica Larramendi Menjivar, B.S. '00 PSY & WST/BIL**

After working for several years as a bilingual parent counselor for a non-profit agency in Delray Beach, Jessica began preparing to marry and to enter law school. In 2003, she said "I do" to her high school sweetheart and UM alum Freddy Menjivar. Freddy also graduated in 2000 earning a BBA degree in Finance. He has been working at JP Morgan Private Bank since graduation and was promoted to Associate in July of 2003. Later that year the couple moved into their new home in Palm Beach County, and Jessica started law school. Jessica has now completed her first year of law school at St Thomas University. She spent the summer working as a pro bono intern for the Office of the State Attorney (FL) in the 15th Judicial Circuit under the Felony Division - Crimes Against Children.

### **Nichole Lupei, B.S. '03 NEUP/CHM**

Nicole recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she is working for the Department of Neurology at Emory University School of Medicine/Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She is the Research Project Coordinator for two NIH funded studies looking at the effects of transcranial magnetic stimulation on Parkinson's patients suffering from depression. Nichole had been working at the UM Med School's Department of Psychiatry, Center for Family Studies since graduating last year. She plans to apply to medical school in the near future. While attending UM, Nichole worked with Dr. Sheri Johnson and wrote an Honors Thesis under her supervision.

## Congratulations!

Amy Salazar (formally Amy Outz) had an exciting year. After only three years at



UM, she graduated *cum laude* in May earning a B.S. in Psychology and double minors in

Math and Criminology. In July she said "I do" to Miguel Salazar at a beachfront ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina. She moved to Seattle to join her husband who is in the military. Amy plans to look into clinical Ph.D. programs in the future.



We wish the Salazars warm wishes and the best of luck!

## Current Research Projects in Psychology

### Adult Division

<b>Dr. Sheri Johnson</b>	Bipolar Disorder Studies Mood Changes and Reactivity to Positive and Negative Mood
<b>Dr. Jean-Philippe Laurenceau</b>	Newlywed Marriage and Development
<b>Dr. Michael McCullough</b>	Studies of Transgression and Forgiveness
<b>Dr. Amy Weisman</b>	Culturally Informed Therapy for Schizophrenia
<b>Dr. Ray Winters</b>	Relation between Sleep Deprivation and Mood

### Child Division

<b>Dr. Michael Alessandri</b>	Experience of Fathers of Children with Autism
<b>Dr. Daniel Armstrong</b>	Disclosure of School-age Children Infected with HIV
<b>Dr. Marie Cheour</b>	Bilingual Phonemic Processing and Brain Development
<b>Dr. Alan Delamater</b>	Quality of Life in Youth with Type 1 Diabetes
<b>Dr. Christine Delgado</b>	CHRIS Project: Preschoolers with Disabilities
<b>Dr. Daryl Greenfield</b>	Head Start and School Readiness
<b>Dr. Heather Henderson</b>	Temperament Over Time: Contributions to Social Competence
<b>Dr. Annette LaGreca</b>	Healthy Adolescents Project
<b>Dr. Kristen Lindahl</b>	Family Communication Study
<b>Dr. Daniel Messinger</b>	Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse Maternal Lifestyle Study Emotional Expression
<b>Dr. Peter Mundy</b>	Early Social and Communication Development Project Early Intervention with Children with Autism The Early Social-Communication Project (ESCP) Social Information Processing in Asperger Syndrome EEG Studies of Infants and Children
<b>Dr. Alexandra Quittner</b>	Parent-Child Interactions in Deaf and Hearing Children
<b>Dr. Keith Scott</b>	Linda Ray Intervention Project Nurturing and Strengthening Families

### Health Division

<b>Dr. Michael Antoni</b>	Cognitive Behavioral Stress Management (CBSM) Interventions for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)
<b>Dr. Charles Carver</b>	CBSM with HIV+ Women at Risk for Cervical Cancer Long-Term Cancer Survivors Quality of Life Breast Cancer Coping and Recovery Project
<b>Dr. Ron Duran</b>	Coping After Treatment: A CBSM Intervention for Breast Cancer Survivors Emotional Expression in HIV+ Individuals
<b>Dr. Marc Gellman</b>	The Great Heart Study
<b>Dr. Barry Hurwitz</b>	Drug Abuse, HIV, Selenium Supplementation, and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Disease Progression Red Blood Cell Mass, Autonomic Nervous System Integrity and Syncope Susceptibility in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)
<b>Dr. Gail Ironson</b>	Psychoneuroimmunology of HIV/AIDS
<b>Dr. Maria Llabre</b>	Statistical Programming in Psychophysiological and Health Research
<b>Dr. Frank Penedo</b>	Biopsychosocial Correlates of Adjustment, Health Behaviors, Quality of Life and Physical Health Among Head and Neck Cancer Patients CBSM and Prostate Cancer CBSM in HIV+ Drug Users CBSM for Hispanic Men with Prostate Cancer
<b>Dr. Patrice Saab</b>	Immune Messengers During a Speech Task in Older Adults
<b>Dr. Biing-Jiun Shen</b>	Project ACE (Adolescent Cardiovascular Evaluation) Blood Pressure Study Psychosocial Treatment for Heart Patients Psychosocial Issues Among Patients with Heart Failure
<b>Dr. Karen Wyche</b>	Stress, Coping, and Psychosocial Factors in Minority Women

## Study Abroad

**Sam Lockhart**, a senior Neuroscience major, recently returned from a spring semester abroad in England, at the University of Sussex. He took two courses, "Queer Histories" and "European Literature from 1919 to present". He also worked twenty hours per week as a cashier at Ladbroke's. With the money he earned, Sam was able to travel to Paris, the south of France, Wales, Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid, southern Spain, Venice, London, Cambridge and more. Thrilled with his experience, Sam is already looking beyond his final year at UM and considering international opportunities and adventures after graduation. If you're interested in a study abroad experience, contact UM's International Education and Exchange Programs (IEEP) at [ieep@miami.edu](mailto:ieep@miami.edu), call (305) 284-3434, or stop by Allen Hall 212 to meet with an advisor.

# PRIME 2004

Eleven undergraduate students participated in the PRIME program this summer. As part of an effort by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) to increase minority representation in areas of biopsychological research and career pipeline, some



students received funding from the APA/NIGMS grant, other students received funding through a supplemental grant from the Provost and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. This additional funding allowed non-minority students and students with research interests outside the biopsychological scope to participate in the PRIME program.

Participants in the PRIME summer program had the opportunity to work closely with a faculty mentor and other members of the faculty's research laboratory for ten weeks on an individual research project. Students were expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week on their research and to attend weekly meetings with graduate student coordinator, José Rodríguez. The weekly meetings covered various topics including graduate school and different career paths in psychology. The meetings also served as a forum for students to share their own thoughts and ideas. We were fortunate to have John Renaue from the library to demonstrate how to navigate several useful databases, and representatives from UM's Psychology Graduate Program to talk about the life of a grad student.



As the summer drew to a close, students finalized their posters and on July 23rd, presented their research to faculty, friends, and family. All students completed the program successfully and we are extremely proud of all their hard work and effort. Watch for the UCON, our research conference that displays research from UM PRIME students as well as from FIU students.

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>
<b>Maabel Bacallao</b>	Goals in Romantic Relationships: How Do Perceptions of Goal Progress, Goal Salience and Shared Goals Contribute to Relationship Quality?	<b>Dr. JP Laurenceau</b>
<b>Samantha Brown</b>	The Effects of Selenium and A2a Receptor Inhibitor on Secondary Damage in a TB1 Rat Model	<b>Dr. Edward Green</b>
<b>Diana Fernandez</b>	Relations Between Exposure to Violence and Mother-Infant Toddler Interactions	<b>Dr. Neena Malik</b>
<b>Mikaela Jayashekaramurthy</b>	Early Parent-Child Interactions: The Effect of Parent Linguistics on Child Language Outcomes in Children Who Are Prenatally Exposed to Cocaine	<b>Dr. Katherine Bono</b>
<b>Jamie Jirout</b>	Head Start Parents' Beliefs and Behaviors Related to School Readiness	<b>Dr. Daryl Greenfield</b>
<b>Cassandra Jean-Baptiste</b>	The Effect of Lifestyle Modification on the Treatment of Blood Pressure	<b>Dr. Patrice Saab</b>
<b>Elizabeth Mejia</b>	The Influence of Self-Monitoring on the Relation between Social Anxiety and Negative Attributional Style	<b>Dr. Heather Henderson</b>
<b>Olga Moas</b>	Individual Difference in Toddlers' Social Problem Solving: The Influence of Social Fearfulness	<b>Dr. Heather Henderson</b>
<b>Paige Mueller</b>	Undergraduate Perception of Infant Smiles: Perceived Emotional Intensity in Short Video Clips	<b>Dr. Daniel Messenger</b>
<b>Alana Smith</b>	Books Containing Health Themes and their Effect on the Health Literacy of Children Attending Head Start	<b>Dr. Daryl Greenfield</b>
<b>Lila Woolston</b>	The Relationships between Hypomanic Vulnerability or Depression History and Achievement/Prediction Hypomanic Vulnerability, Achievement, and Ambitions	<b>Dr. Sheri Johnson</b>

# The Psi Chi Connection

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## 2004-2005 Psi Chi Executive Board

**Theresa Dulski**- President  
**Jenny Blanco**- Vice President  
**Nicole Christin**- Treasurer  
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**Diana Fernandez**- Public Relations



Diana Fernandez, Lauren Brown, Jenny Blanco



**Dr. Frank Penedo**  
Psi Chi Advisor

## President's Welcome by Theresa Dulski



Welcome back to all Psychology and Neuroscience students, faculty, and staff! This semester promises to be a very exciting one for both our department and the Psi Chi Honor Society! Some of the events taking place during the fall months include guest speakers, Kaplan sponsored workshops, graduate student panels, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

We are pleased to have the ongoing support of our advisor, Dr. Frank Penedo. In addition, we are excited to continue working with Kaplan, our official sponsor. Don't forget that Psi Chi members receive discounts on Kaplan's wide array of test preparation courses. Kaplan also offers a scholarship to our members based on participation in Psi Chi events. Attending meetings is very beneficial to your development in the study of Psychology.

Our new executive board is eager to promote the goal of Psi Chi, which is "to provide academic recognition to its members...[and] to nurture the spark of that accomplishment by offering a climate congenial to its creative development." We look forward to having everyone's support in this endeavor.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7th in UC 237. Remember, you do not have to be a member of Psi Chi to attend our meetings and events. Please join us to see what's new with Psi Chi this year.

## Fall Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in UC 237

Sept 7  
Sept 21  
Oct 5  
Oct 19  
Nov 2  
Nov 16

For general information about PSI CHI go to [www.psichi.org](http://www.psichi.org).

## PSI CHI Induction Requirements

PSI CHI is the national honor society for Psychology. Members are chosen yearly according to the following criteria:

- 1) Students must be a declared Psychology/Neuroscience major or minor.
- 2) Completion of at least nine credits in Psychology.
- 3) A minimum 3.0 GPA
- 4) Ranked in the top 35% of the class.

*(This varies from year to year.)*

Membership invitations are sent out every year in mid-February/March. If you did not get an invitation last year but think you may be eligible, email PSI CHI representatives at [psichimiami@hotmail.com](mailto:psichimiami@hotmail.com).

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