

Psychology News



Undergraduate Edition for Psychology and Neuroscience Majors

January 2009 Vol. 10 No. 3

College of Arts and Sciences

Congratulations Honor Roll Students!



February 26 is time for your "Just Desserts"

It's time again to pay tribute to our hard-working students who have made the Honor Roll! The Department of Psychology will provide "Just Desserts" to those students, Psychology and Neuroscience majors alike, on **Thursday, February 26 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.** All those who made the Dean's List, the Provost's, or the President's Honor Rolls during Spring or Fall 2008 are invited to attend this lively event that will take place in the 5th floor lobby of the Flipse building.

Our students did very well last year with 155 named to the President's Honor Roll (i.e., earned a 4.0 GPA), 390 making the Provost's Honor Roll (earned a 3.75 GPA or higher), and 409 making the Dean's List (earned a 3.5 GPA or higher). Of the entering students enrolled in FACT last semester, 42% of Psychology majors and 52% of Neuroscience majors made the Honor Roll.

This will be the Department's seventh annual "Just Desserts" celebration. All invitees can bring a friend or family member to share in the fun and festivities! As usual, in addition to lots of desserts, there will be fun games to play and prizes to win, with the grand prize, a combination color printer-scanner-copier. Faculty and administrators will be on hand to give congratulations, cheer you on in the games, and compete for the food! Invitations will be mailed out in early February. If you don't get one and think you should have been invited, please contact our office at 305-284-3303. Congratulations to all Honor Roll students! We look forward to celebrating with you on February 26! Didn't make it this year? Work hard and we'll see you next year!

Now Hiring Peer Advisors for Fall 2009

Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP) is looking for friendly, enthusiastic, motivated, conscientious, and talented Psychology and Neuroscience majors to become part of the next cohort of Psychology Peer Advisors. If you are a team player, passionate about Psychology/Neuroscience, like to help others, and would like to become more involved with the Psychology Department, then come to one of our meetings to learn more.

Described by some as "the best job on campus," Peer Advisors help run all of the activities at UASP. This includes helping to prepare Psychology and Neuroscience students for their advising appointments. As direct liaisons between the staff at UASP and the undergraduate population, Peer Advisors' ideas and feedback influence the changes made in the undergraduate program. They are the muscle behind programs and events like FACT/FORUM, advising, "Just Desserts," and graduation. This is a real job, paying \$7.50 per hour for the first year and \$8.00 thereafter. Psychology and Neuroscience Peer Advisors gain office experience, get a chance to improve their service and people skills, learn some of the nuts and bolts of event coordination, and get experience working as members of a team.

Peer Advisors should have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, six credits in Psychology or Neuroscience, and be able to work at least 5 hours a week, starting the week before the semester begins in Fall 2009.



UASP will be holding Informational Meetings for Prospective Peer Advisors in the Flipse 5th floor Student Lobby

Monday, February 9 at 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11 at 10:10 a.m.

Tuesday, February 10 at 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Summer 2009 Research Opportunities

APA Summer Science Fellowship

SSF is a 7-week program designed to immerse students in the science of psychology by exposing them to the excitement and promise of the best of psychological science and help prepare them for the rigors of graduate study in the field. Students will be placed in the psychology laboratories of some of the most outstanding researchers in the Washington, DC area from June 14 to August 1. Seniors with strong academic backgrounds and interest in research are encouraged to apply. This is a competitive, all-expenses-paid program. **Applications are due February 9.** For more information go to www.apa.org/science/ssf.html.

Advanced Statistical Training in Psychology (ASTP)

From July 11 to the 19, the APA will hold an advanced seminar in statistics for typically underrepresented groups in psychology who plan to pursue advanced degrees in psychological research. The Advanced Statistical Training in Psychology (ASTP), is a hands-on seminar in which students learn about psychological statistics and research methods in a dynamic setting that emphasizes the skills it takes to analyze and interpret real data. **Application deadline is February 20.** Visit www.apa.org/science/astp.html for the online application and more information.

The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Research Experiences

Each year, the National Science Foundation works with various universities throughout the country to provide students with meaningful research experiences through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. Students who participate in REU must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. To learn more about the various opportunities and locations, visit www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/listresult.cfm?unitid=5054.

Summer Research Initiative Program at University of Maryland

The Summer Research Initiative Program at the University of Maryland is an 8-week program (June 1–July 24, 2009) designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities who pursue graduate degrees in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences. This year the Initiative will bring 10-12 students to the Maryland campus to work side-by-side with a faculty mentor on a faculty-guided research project. Participants will also participate in a weekly seminar series and visit local research institutions in the Washington area such as the National Institutes of Health. **Applications are due February 13.** Visit www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/summer.html for more details.

NSF Summer Program in Applied Psychology at Clemson University

The program at Clemson University aims to provide students with the opportunity to conduct research in Human Factors, Health, and Industrial/Organizational Psychology. Interns work closely with graduate students and faculty members on research projects that will promote skill development and experience for those interested in pursuing graduate school training in Psychology. Each week interns participate in a range of activities, such as research lab work, course meetings, research seminars, and informal presentations. At the end of the summer, interns prepare to present their summer projects to colleagues, professors, and invited guests at a mini-conference in Clemson. This 10-week program (May 25 - July 31, 2009) includes housing, summer pay totaling \$4,000, and paid tuition for 2 credits of research. In addition, interns that present their summer work at a regional or national conference following the completion of the program receive travel support. **Applications are due March 1.** Visit <http://people.clemson.edu/~psyhelp/> for more information or contact Dr. Benjamin Stephens at bstephe@clemson.edu.

The Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) at Northwestern University

Sophomores and juniors majoring in most disciplines are provided with an opportunity for involvement in research. The program is eight weeks in length, from June 22 to August 13, and includes faculty supervised research, activities that prepare students for graduate school, and a research conference. Additional benefits include a \$4000 stipend, access to \$500 for research supplies, round-trip travel, housing, and a campus meal subsidy. **Applications are due March 1.** Visit www.tgs.northwestern.edu/studentlife/multiculturaloffice/research/srop/ for application details and for a list of faculty mentors.

Summer Medical & Dental Education Program

The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) and American Dental Education Association (ADEA) are now accepting applications to the prestigious Summer Medical and Dental Education Program. Students spend six weeks, all expenses paid, in an intensive medical and/or dental school preparation program at one of eleven sites across the nation. Students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, underrepresented ethnic/racial minorities in medicine, underrepresented rural residents in medicine, and those with a "strong commitment to diversity in the workforce" are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due March 1.** Visit www.smdep.org for more information.

The Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program



The Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP), offers undergraduates, interested in pursuing a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D., the opportunity to work for eight to ten weeks under the guidance of a faculty or research mentor at a participating Alliance institution.

The SR-EIP is designed to encourage students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities to consider research careers in the academic, public or private sectors.

Students are required to present a written report and/or abstract at the end of their summer research activity and complete a program evaluation. All participants are expected to make oral or poster presentations of their research at the Leadership Alliance's annual, national symposium. This all expense paid summer internship provides students with a competitive stipend, travel and housing. A list of some participating institutions is included below.

Brown University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth University
Harvard University

Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
New York University
Princeton University
Stanford University

University of Miami
University of Pennsylvania
Yale University
and many more!

Application deadline is February 1. Visit www.theleadershipalliance.org for application details, as well as for a complete list of institutions and research areas.

Summer 2009 Fellowships for Minorities and Women

In order to foster the development of minority students and to encourage them to consider graduate work and scholarly careers, the College of Arts and Sciences will sponsor fellowships for the summer of 2009. The program will run from May 17 to July 23. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

Under the terms of the fellowship, students will participate in research programs designed to complement the work of a faculty member. Fellowship funds will provide housing and meals on campus and a stipend of \$3000 for the ten-week period. Fellowship students are not allowed to register for other courses or to hold jobs during those ten-weeks. Students are expected to spend forty (40) hours a week in research activities. In addition, there will be required weekly meetings with the program director and cultural activities on some weekends. At the end of the program on July 23, participants will give a presentation of their work and submit a research paper.

If you are an Arts and Sciences student interested in participating in this program, please pick up an application in Cox Science 122. Each student must select a faculty mentor and submit an outline of a proposed project with the completed application to the Office of Undergraduate Research and Community Outreach in Cox 122 by **February 27**. Applicants should have completed their sophomore or junior year and have an overall GPA of 3.0. Please contact Kristen Luce at 305-284-5058 for further information or questions regarding the program.

American Cancer Society, Florida Division, Inc.

2009 Norma DiMarco Summer Research Fellowship Program



The goals of this Summer Research Fellowship Program are to encourage young students to pursue advanced studies in cancer research, and to educate students in the importance and methods of research to advancing cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Applications are invited from undergraduate students who are Florida residents enrolled in a degree-granting program at a Florida institution to work in a University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center laboratory from June 1 to August 31, 2009. Students must be an upcoming Junior or Senior. Applicants must identify a sponsor and work on a cancer-related project in the research laboratory of a Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center investigator. A total of six fellowships are available at \$3,000. **The deadline to apply is March 2.** For the application and guidelines, contact Diane Dames at 305-243-2287, ddames@med.miami.edu.



Summer Research at UM: PRIME 2009

Psychology Research Initiative Mentorship Experience (PRIME), our ten-week summer research program, is starting its 11th season. Students in PRIME work for 20 hours a week in a Psychology research laboratory under the direction of a faculty member. Students attend a weekly seminar to discuss their research projects, issues regarding research ethics and protocol, guidelines for poster preparation, plans for graduate school, and many other topics. All PRIME students prepare a poster presentation to showcase their work at the end of the program. Family, friends, and faculty provide a receptive audience to these generally novice presenters. This helps PRIME participants prepare for participation in the University's Research and Creativity Forum.



Students can participate in the PRIME program on one of three levels. Full PRIME students will have successfully completed both PSY 204 (Statistics) and PSY 316 (Experimental Psychology), and have a 2.75 GPA or higher. These students receive a \$1,500 summer stipend as well as an additional \$500 Fall stipend upon completion of the program.

JUMP START (Just for UM Psychology Students To Accelerate Research Training) is for students who have not yet completed PSY 316. JUMP START students must have a GPA of 2.75 or above and receive a \$1,000 summer stipend and an additional \$250 stipend upon completion of the program.



PRIME Associates are funded through another source (e.g., Dean's Women and Minority Scholarship, the Honors Summer Research Program, or Lois Pope Award), but work with the PRIME group in the weekly meetings and present a poster.

PRIME began as part of a nationwide effort to increase minority participation in the psycho-biomedical sciences. Including non-minority students has been of benefit to all. If you are interested, stop by **UASP in February to pick up an application**. A completed application includes: the application form, a one-page statement of purpose, a letter of "intent to supervise" from a potential mentor, a letter of recommendation, a recent copy of your ACE, and a brief autobiographical summary. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If you plan on taking classes or working while participating in PRIME, it is your responsibility to make accommodations for the weekly seminar and research hours with your mentor. **The application deadline is March 24.** Notification of acceptance to the program will be made by April. For more information call UASP at 305-284-3303.

Alumni News

Trisha Allen '04

After graduating from UM, Trisha went on to Columbia University. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in early childhood general and special education.

PSY/CRI

Mavie Betancourt '06

Mavie was accepted to the Ph.D. program for Audiology at the University of Tampa after receiving her degree from the University of Miami. She was working as a graduate assistant at Tampa General Hospital as a Universal Newborn Hearing Screening technician for two years, but is now completing an internship with the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research in Portland, Oregon.

PSY/BUA

Jill Cabana '05

Jill is currently working for NOVA Southeastern University at the College of Optometry as the manager of marketing and 3rd Party contracts. She is also pursuing her Master's in International Business at NOVA.

PSY/BUA

Nathaniel Kieval '07

Nathaniel is working as a research assistant (clinician and data manager) with Dr. Gail Ironson for the University of Miami while pursuing his Master's in Mental Health Counseling.

PSY/SOC

Lori Permut '04

Lori is a Child Therapist in Washington, D.C. She works with children who have witnessed domestic violence and may have experienced psychological or sexual abuse. Lori completed her Master's in Social Work at Catholic University in May of 2008.

CAD & PSY

Brigitte Rose '08

Brigitte plans to teach for a year on a fellowship in Greece and then will attend law school at Boston University.

ELED & PSY

Claudia Selgas '02

Claudia is a Promotion Producer at Local 10, WPLG-TV Miami. She was recently nominated for two Suncoast Emmys!

COM & PSY



Mark Your Calendar!

Academic Alerts will be posted on myUM on March 3. You should have feedback on some type of graded work by that time. If you are not doing well, you will want to consider dropping a course. Remember, the last day to drop a class is **Monday, April 6.**

Last day to apply for May or Summer graduation is Friday, March 6. Graduation is not automatic! You must apply for graduation through the myUM system. Also, remember to make an appointment for a **senior credit check** with Marian Dahman in Ashe 200 (x4333).

PSY 367/368 Research Projects in Psychology

To register for PSY 367/8 come by UASP to pick up the *Permission to Register for 367/8* form. You must have the faculty member sign the form in order to officially register in our office. To get more information about the requirements for each project, go to www.psy.miami.edu.

Adult Division

Dr. Charles Carver

Positive Mood, Academic Performance, and Motivation
Happiness and Its Relation to Information Processing
The Impulsivity Study
Goal Study
*Psychology Mood Lab Study

Dr. Sheri Johnson

Dr. Jutta Joormann

Talk Fast Study
Processing of Emotional Information in Depression
Emotion and Mood Regulation in Depression and Social Anxiety
Autobiographical Memory in Social Phobia
Adversive Interpersonal Events, Psychopathology, and Health
Forgiveness and Health
Gratitude and Evolution
Religion and Self-control

Dr. Michael McCullough

Dr. Matthias Siemer

Cognitive Causes and Consequences of Moods and Emotions
Individual Differences in Mood and Emotion Regulation
Schizophrenia Family Study
Rat-do

Dr. Amy Weisman de Mamani

Child Division

Dr. Michael Alessandri

Dr. Daniel Armstrong

The Comparison of Two Comprehensive Treatment Models for Autism
Disclosure of School-age Children Infected with HIV
Psychotropic Medication Use in the Pediatric Cancer Population
Prescription Practices in Youths with Type 1 Diabetes
Head Start and School Readiness
Adolescent Temperament Study
Head Start Peer Interaction Project
Social-Emotional Development and School Readiness in Head Start
Temperament and Social Development - Clean-up Coding
Emotion Regulation- Mother-Child Interaction Coding
Adolescent Temperament Study
EGI Studies with Individuals with High Functioning Autism

Dr. Lynne Katz

Dr. Marygrace Yale Kaiser

Project Hand-in-Hand
Executive Functions, Social Competence, and Preschoolers' School Readiness
Language Skills in Head Start

Dr. Annette La Greca

Dr. Maria Llabre

Dr. Daniel Messinger

Close Relationships Study
Horseback Riding in Children with Autism
Emotional Expression
Siblings of Children with Autism
Computer Vision and EEG
Continuous Measurement

Dr. Alexandra Quittner

*Childhood Development after Cochlear Implantation
*Cystic Fibrosis Adherence Trial
*Dr. Quittner's Child Health Lab
Behavior Problems in Head Start & School Readiness

Dr. Rebecca Shearer

Health Division

Dr. Marc Gellman

Dr. Barry Hurwitz

Dr. Gail Ironson

Dr. Youngmee Kim

Dr. Philip McCabe

Dr. Frank Penedo

Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos
Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Disease Progression
Psychoneuroimmunology of HIV/AIDS
*Biomarkers of Cancer Caregiving Stress
Cognitive Function in Parkinson's Disease - Dr. Bonnie Levin
Cognitive Behavioral Stress Management and Prostate Cancer
Ethnicity and Determinants of Quality of Life Following Prostate Cancer Treatment
Psychosocial Issues Among Patients with Heart Failure
Quality of Life Intervention in Advanced Prostate Cancer
Psychosocial Issues Among Patients with Heart Failure

Dr. Patrice G. Saab

Dr. Monica Webb

Heart Smart
*Lights Out Program

* indicates projects actively seeking Research Assistants

Congratulations Psychology December Grads!

Anthony Arjoonsingh	Courtney George	Mary O'Hara	Joshua Sleicher-MacCracken
Terri Benn	Kaitlin Ginder	Gina Otero	Jasmine Sookdeo
Anthony Bernal	Melissa Gousse	John Physioc	Amy Steinmetz
Diego Camacho	Jessica Guevara	Mariana Piedrahita	Christina Suarez
Susanna Chan	Peter Hitchcock	Aishwarya Reddy	Aimee Suthers
Ivanna Colangelo	Nour Marouf	Stephanie Romulton	Jessica Vinitzky
Heather Duarte	Carla Marquina	Christina Rondinone	Shira Zeman
Jacqueline Espejo	Ashkan Mohammadi	Danielle Rosen	
Aaron Fischer	Kendra Moll	Aparna Saini	
Trisha Fisher	Josanne Moonsie-Sawh	Fallon Sheppard	

Neuroscience

Kautilya Shaurya
Kristine Acevedo
Stephanie Akl
Marc Badrian
Pamela Chavarria
I-Chen Chiu

School of Communication

Christina Cosmas
Joel Diament
Molly Dodge
Nicolle Fagan
Jacqueline Franciulli

Alcione Gonzalez
Valerie Guerra
Patrick Hartney
Gloriana Jenkins

Luis Okumura
Camila Olivares
Adam Severi

School of Education

Heddi Postel
Alina Hernandez
Kaitlin Nazario
Melissa Rangel
Carolina Vara

Majors Fair 2009

The Majors and Minors Fair will be held on Wednesday, **February 25 from 1-4 p.m. in the UC Lower Lounge**. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about different options the University of Miami offers for undergraduate students. Peer advisors, academic advisors, and faculty will be on hand to interact with students who are interested in specific majors and minors. A fun and quick way to learn about potential minors or second majors, the event will provide lots of information in one place! The event will be sponsored by the Toppel Career Center and Academic and Career Advisors in Residence (ACAR). Check with them for more information!

Neuro Notes

18th Annual Neuroscience Day 2009

The much-awaited Neuroscience Research Day is rapidly approaching. This is the premier University event for showcasing Neuroscience research at the University of Miami's many campuses. Join University of Miami Neuroscience Program students, Neuroscience undergraduates, post docs, faculty and staff as they present their most recent findings in neuroscience at the Neuroscience Research Day Poster Session that will be held on March 6.

For more information about Neuroscience Day, please visit chroma.med.miami.edu (click on "Graduate", then "Events") or contact Samone Welch (neurosci@med.miami.edu).

Lois Pope Undergraduate Neuroscience Research Awards

A generous endowment made to the University of Miami by our Trustee, Lois Pope, allows undergraduate majors in Neuroscience to participate in summer neuroscience research projects at the University of Miami. Applications will be available in February. Each student researcher chosen will be given a \$2,500 stipend plus support for a "single" dormitory room in the summer. Awardees will be expected to spend at least 10 weeks in the summer doing full-time research and to make a Research Day poster presentation on their results during the following Spring semester. Thus, awardees should have at least two more semesters in residence at the University before graduation.

No other award or University support is allowed during the summer, but students may participate in the group PRIME program as PRIME Associates, or may be invited to attend special activities related to other summer research programs, such as the Dean's Women and Minority Research Program and the Honors Research Program. **To apply for the award, submit an application by March 24. Stop by Flipse 508 to pick up an application.**

The Psi Chi Connection

News & Briefs for University of Miami Psi Chi

Vol. 10 Num. 3

2008 - 2009 Psi Chi Executive Board

Lyndsey Kiss - President
Marta Cuervo - Vice President
Parker Redlien - Treasurer
Kendra Anderson - Secretary
Melissa Chamorro - Public Relations Co-Chair
Bridget Gamber - Public Relations Co-Chair



Dr. Frank Penedo
Psi Chi Advisor

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACTIVE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Psi Chi is a National Honor Society. The national office stipulates that members must meet the following criteria for membership:

- 1) A minimum 3.0 GPA
- 2) 9 credits in Psychology completed.
- 3) Declared PSY/NEU major or minor
- 4) Rank in top 35% of class.

Remember - you do not have to be a member of Psi Chi to attend our meetings and events! Please join us!

For general information about PSI CHI go to www.psichi.org.

Questions? Email us!
psichimiami@gmail.com

President's Message

By: Lyndsey Kiss



Welcome back! Psi Chi is excited to share another great semester with its members. Last fall we were able to connect our members with several great opportunities on campus, such as volunteering and research. We look forward to continuing this tradition of serving as the link which keeps all motivated psychology majors on the path for personal and professional growth.

Our meetings for the Spring will be held every other Wednesday night at 6pm beginning on

February 4. Meetings are usually held in the UC Flamingo Ballrooms, however due to reservation conflicts this is not always possible. As always, look to our website for the most up-to-date information regarding Psi Chi news and events.

This spring we also plan on partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build within the Miami area. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our members to give back to the community while learning about commitment, teamwork and leadership.

Psi Chi will also be participating in the annual Walk Now for Autism on February 22. Please visit www.walknowforautism.org/miami and look for our team webpage (Psi Chi UM) under the Miami-Dade Key Biscayne walk. There you can register as a team member, personalize your own fundraising page, and e-mail friends and family for donations. As the incidence of autism increases, it is important for us to be aware of the issues and actively work to make the lives of those afflicted by autism a little better.

I look forward to seeing all of our members at the upcoming meetings. Remember, the most active member will receive a full tuition scholarship to any Kaplan test preparation course he or she chooses!

Sincerely,
Lyndsey Kiss

Visit our website for the more information about upcoming events!

www.psichimiami.blogspot.com



2009 Graduation Materials



Remember to order Psi Chi graduation materials! Graduation cords are \$15.00. To order, e-mail Lyndsey Kiss at the e-mail below **BEFORE April 1** to guarantee on-time arrival for graduation.

psichimiami@gmail.com.

Department of Psychology
Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology
P.O. Box 248185
Coral Gables, FL 33124-0751



101972

Psychology News

Thanks to . . .

Rachel Acosta
Sean Kilpatrick
Rod Wellens, Ph.D.
Richard Williams, Ph.D.
The Psychology & Neuroscience Peer Advisors

Editor

Victoria Noriega, Ph.D.

In this issue . . .

Just Desserts
New PA Hiring
Summer 2009 Research Opportunities
PRIME
Alumni News
Advising Alerts
Research Projects in Psychology
December Graduates
Majors Fair
Neuroscience Day 2009
Lois Pope Neuroscience Research Program
Psi Chi Connection