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Congratulations and Best Wishes to Psychology and Neuroscience Majors Class of 2004



PRIME Time!

The 2004 PRIME Kick-Off Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Hurricane 100 Club at the UM Convocation Center. This year Chairman Rod Wellens, Director Victoria Noriega, and Coordinator José Rodríguez will be welcoming 14 PRIME students and their mentors at the PRIME Welcome Breakfast! This year's PRIME students include:

PRIME Student

Maabel Bacallao
Samantha Brown (JS)
Diana Fernandez
Mikaela Jayashekaramurthy (JS)
Cassandra Jean-Baptiste (JS)
Jamie Jirout
Elizabeth Mejia
Olga Moas (JS)
Paige Mullar (JS)
Nacha Nozile (JS)
Alana Smith (JS)
Lila Woolston

PRIME Mentor

Dr. Laurenceau
Dr. Green
Dr. Malik
Dr. Scott
Dr. Saab
Dr. Greenfield
Dr. Henderson
Dr. Henderson
Dr. Messinger
Dr. Saab
Dr. Greenfield
Dr. Johnson

PRIME (Psychology Research Initiatives Mentorship Experience) is the summer research program designed for minority students interested in pursuing careers in psychobiological sciences. The program is funded through a grant by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and administered by the APA.

In addition, the Department offers PRIME II, a matching program for all students, regardless of ethnicity or research interest. PRIME II is made possible by funds provided to the Department by the Provost of the University and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students can participate as a Full PRIME or JUMP START (Just for University of Miami Psychology Students to Accelerate Research Training). Full PRIME students are required to produce a research poster at the end of the summer session. They collect, analyze, and present results on original data at several conferences during the summer and coming year. JUMP START students, who have usually not completed PSY 204 and/or PSY 316 do an extensive literature review, contemplate various hypotheses, and make a research proposal that will also be presented at the end of the summer. Both Full and JUMP START students work closely with their mentors, the Coordinator, and other PRIME students to get the most out of their summer research experience. If you are interested in PRIME, come by UASP at Flipse 508 to get more information about next year's program.

PONT 2004

This summer two students from Miami-Dade College will participate in PRIME through the program called PONT (Psychology Opportunities for New Transfers). **Carlos Cabrera and Sandra Rodriguez** will attend the weekly PRIME sessions, help out in several research labs, and shadow other PRIME students. They will also have the opportunity to meet with the Transfer Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences to learn more about transfer requirements. We look forward to having both of them here at UM.

USAP WELCOMES NEW ADVISOR

The staff and administration at UASP are pleased to announce that Anna Fredericks has joined our team as an Advisor. Originally from the Chicago area, she is happy to have recently settled in Miami after moving four times in five years!

Anna received a B.A. with a double major in Psychology and Communications from Augustana College, a small liberal arts school in Illinois. After working in Marketing and Public Relations for ten years, she took her career in a different direction to pursue her first love of Psychology. She left her position as State Director of Communications at the American Cancer Society to work as a Research Assistant and Clinic Coordinator for the Behavioral Oncology Program at the University of Louisville's Brown Cancer Center in Louisville, Kentucky. In this position, she gained invaluable experience in conducting research and working with patients in a clinical setting.

Anna continues to contemplate graduate school and has explored various programs. She will be a great resource for students because of her varied work experience and her understanding of graduate school options. She is looking forward to working with all of you. Stop by Flipse 508 to help us welcome Anna!

UASP Says Adios

All of us at UASP send congratulations to five of our PA's who are graduating this May. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate all their hard work.

Megha Karkera, PSB major and CHM minor, has been a Peer Advisor for two years. She is planning to stay in the Miami area and look for a position with a non-profit organization. With valuable work experience on her resumé, Megha will apply to medical school with hopes of becoming an emergency room physician.

Joanne Nunes, PSY major and CHM minor, is the most senior Peer Advisor as she has been part of our team for three years. She was pleased to recently complete her senior honor thesis. Joanne's summer plans include a much needed break. She is also looking forward to entering dental school in the near future.

Amy Outz, PSY major with MTH and CRM minors, is graduating after three years at UM. She is getting married on July 24th in Charleston, South Carolina and moving to Seattle to join her husband. She plans on taking some time off before pursuing a clinical Ph.D. Amy has been a Peer Advisor for two and a half years.

Stephanie Wasserman, PSY major and ENG minor, will enter the University of Miami's Adult Clinical Ph.D. program. She is looking forward to working with Dr. Amy Weisman who was also her undergraduate mentor. Stephanie worked as a Peer Advisor for two years. This summer she hopes to travel to Italy and Greece to enjoy good food and friends before her program begins.

Matt Weiss, NEUP major and CHM minor, has been a Peer Advisor for two years. He was recently accepted into UM's prestigious Medical Scholars Program where he plans to study pediatric medicine. Matt hopes to travel this summer to take advantage of his last days of freedom.

Saying good-bye is never easy, but we are comforted by knowing that all have promised to keep in touch! Please join us in wishing them well in all their future endeavors.

In 2003-2004 we were busy ...

getting PRIMED ...



team building ...



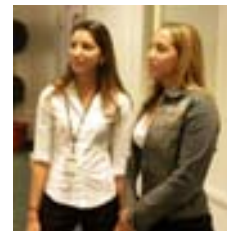
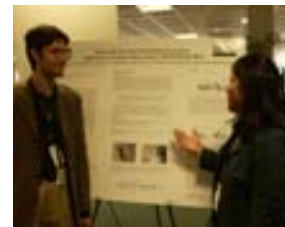
getting our Just Desserts ...



moving into our new space ...



making presentations ...



and ...

enjoying great films, food, and fun.



Hats off . . .

. . . to **Bianca Iglesias**, a junior majoring in Psychology and Criminology, who was recently accepted into the thirty-second annual Davidson-Broughton Summer Study Program. The eight-week program takes place this summer in North Carolina and includes a classroom course at Davidson College called Advanced Clinical Psychology. In addition, students take Practicum in Psychology which involves clinical work at Broughton Hospital. Bianca is one of eight students from across the nation accepted into this program and the only representative from the University of Miami. She plans on using this practical experience to help her focus her career goals and promises to fill us in on all the details when she returns. Please join us in congratulating Bianca on this exciting opportunity.

. . . to our **2004 Research and Creativity Forum Award Winners** who were honored at the May 3rd ceremony:

Undergraduate Psychology Division

- 1st place: **Maureen Mendoza**
2nd place: **Jamie Jirout, Frank Bandiera, & Susy Gomez*tie***
3rd place: **Theresa Dulski**

Graduate Division

Social, Behavioral, & Administrative Sciences

- 1st place: **J'Lene George** (Psychology)
2nd place: **Kathryn Weaver** (Psychology)
3rd place: **Silvia Ordonez**

Thanks to all of you who participated and helped mentor our students in this year's Research and Creativity Forum.

. . . to the winners of the **2004 Lois Pope Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships**. They are **Liz Merkle** working with Dr. Ed Green and **Jason Wester** working with Dr. Ken Muller. Congratulations to Liz and Jason!

Congratulations Outstanding Seniors!!!

Outstanding Psychology Senior
Susy Gomez

Psi Chi Award
Amy Outz

Eber Award Winner
Stephanie Wasserman

Outstanding Neuroscience Major
Matthew Weiss

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Psychology & Neuroscience Students

This year 11 psychology and neuroscience students were inducted into the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. The annual banquet and induction ceremony was held on Saturday, April 25th at the Biltmore Hotel. A special congratulations to the following students.

Psychology: Lila Asfour, Ivette Cruz, Morgan Kroll, Amy Outz, Claudia Rodriguez, Susana Sabogal, Sasha Turok, Jason Wester

Neuroscience: Nicole Christian, Andre Sanchez, Matthew Weiss

Neuroscience Journal Scan

May 2004

- Ballabh, P., Braun, A., & Nedergaard, M. The blood-brain barrier: an overview: Structure, regulation, and clinical implications. *Neurobiology of Disease, In Press, Corrected Proof*.
- Sanada, K., Gupta, A., & Tsai, L. H. (2004). Disabled-1-Regulated Adhesion of Migrating Neurons to Radial Glial Fiber Contributes to Neuronal Positioning during Early Corticogenesis. *Neuron, 42*(2), 197-211.
- Profyris, C., Cheema, S. S., Zang, D., Azari, M. F., Boyle, K., & Petratos, S. (2004). Degenerative and regenerative mechanisms governing spinal cord injury. *Neurobiology of Disease, 15*(3), 415-436.
- Urrea, C., Danton, G. H., Bramlett, H. M., & Dietrich, W. D. (2004). The beneficial effect of mild hypothermia in a rat model of repeated thromboembolic insults. *Acta Neuropathol (Berl), 107*(5), 413-420.

Full text of these and all other journal scan articles are available in Flipse 508. Want to recommend an article to fellow neuroscience students? Contact Graduate Student Assistant Blake Scanlon at blake@miami.edu

Congratulations Psychology Grads!

College of Arts and Sciences Psychology

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| Zahra Ahmed | Jihan Elhage | Alina Klein | Beatriz Perez |
| Aleeya Alimuddin | Jennifer Escobar | Nancy Kolinski | Zaira Perez |
| Trisha Allen | Alexis Franklin | Morgan Kroll | Yennisha Pino |
| John Alvarez | Micah Frett | Dianne Lacayo | Melanie Porter |
| Marlene Alvarez | Anna Frusciante | Cristina Lago | Chelsea Reamy |
| Alexandra Arroyo | Andrea Garcia | Emily Lang | Junelle Rodriguez |
| Oded Ashkenazi | Jovanna Garcia | Anne Lau | Jolina Ruckert |
| Lester Ayala | Susy Gomez | Erika Leon | Susana Sabogal |
| Darah Ballard-Harford | Zoilyn Gomez | Ming Li | Stacy Satter |
| Chelsea Ballentine | Lindsey Goodman | Jeanne Lopez | Helen Scouris |
| Frank Bandiera | Melissa Greenfield | Jeselyn Luis | Jessica Sequeiros |
| Naveen Bellam | Jessica Gudmundson | Chris Luzuriaga | Sharaine Sibbles |
| Julie Beltz | Stephanie Halpin | Stacy Marczak | Tashia Sperry |
| Jennifer Benoit | Melissa Hammer Benaim | Kristin McAllister | Tyneshia Tatum |
| Kristina Bingham | Isidro Hermosura | Michelle Mederos | Miguel Telleria |
| Ainel Boonprakong | Jenai Hernandez | Javier Mendez Jr | Ashley Tift |
| Christopher Bottalla | Anthony Higham | Juliana Mesa | Yolaine Torres |
| James Broshears | Jessica Hill | Melissa Michel | Stephanie Wasserman |
| Lesley-Ann Brown | Tierini Hodges | George Mitzner | Molly Wilson |
| Christine Bustamante | Kimberly Holtzman | Adam Myers | Sarine Wishnia |
| Martha Carias | Shani Hopwood | Joanne Nunes | Lauren Wolkenfeld |
| Allyson Clow | Scott Hrouda | Karina Olivares | Katya Wright |
| Dawn Dolezal | Kim Hunter | Elizabeth Orehovec | Samantha Young |
| Michele Dziedzic | Melissa Jimenez | Amy Outz | Chi Zhang |
| Carlos Echeverri | Jannelle Jurado | Bryan Palmer | |

Psychobiology and Neuroscience

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| Nicholas Anthony | Amee Garg | Adriana Martinez | Carmen Rueda |
| Gabriel Betancourt | Heather Goode | Pamela Martinez | Sam Semaan |
| Ayesha Bukhari | Megha Karkera | Oriana Mazorra | Sarah Syed |
| Honeylit Cueco | Matthew Lupu | Jon Puitinen | Matthew Weiss |
| Rami Elkhechen | Ursula Maldonado | Latisha Rowe | |

Commencement 2004

All commencement exercises will once again be held in the Convocation Center, located at the south end of the campus facing Ponce de Leon Blvd, next to the Flipse Building. All graduates will be recognized by name and walk across the stage to be congratulated by the President and their school's Dean. Graduating students are encouraged to invite family and friends to the ceremony . . . no tickets will be required. Majors in Psychology and Neuroscience are part of the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony which will be held at

8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 14

Refreshments will be served at the Wellness Center immediately following the ceremony. Be sure to look for the Psychology/Neuroscience area where representatives from the Psychology Department will be on hand to congratulate the graduates. Shuttle service will be running to and from the commencement parking lots at the Ponce and Pavia garages and the ceremony area. The lot near the Convocation Center on Walsh Avenue will be used for handicapped parking. For more information on special assistance, please call the Office of Events Management at 305-284-5331.

Alumni News

Evelyn Alvarez, B.A. '99 PSY/MUS

Evelyn is completing the Clinical Ph.D. program at the University of South Florida (USF). After completing her Masters in 2003, she's been working on her doctoral dissertation and developing parenting measures for hispanic adolescents. This fall she'll begin the application process for her internship in 2005. A Florida native, Evelyn hopes to do her internship out-of-state to take the opportunity to explore a new city for at least a year. In her spare time, Evelyn has been putting her music minor to use by performing in musical theatre in Tampa.

Dione Brunson, B.A. '01 PSY/REL

Two years ago, Dione began what has proven to be an exciting career in military intelligence. She applied to the Department of Defense her junior year, and just prior to graduation, she received a job offer. The security clearance process for the position took almost a year! After an intensive training program, she started working as an analyst providing combat support and intelligence analysis during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. Dione recently began a year-long rotation as an Intelligence Analyst on the Presidential Support Team at CIA Headquarters in Virginia. To further her career in government, she has completed coursework at Georgetown University in National Security and Defense. She has also expanded her language skills to include Arabic. Dione hopes to deploy overseas soon so she can provide more direct support to our troops. We wish her safe travels and clear thinking.

Sarah Rogers, B.S.C. '00 PSY/CMP

Sarah was recently elected President of the University of Miami Alumni Association in the Washington D.C. area. For the past three years, she has worked as a Project Manager at the Smithsonian National Museum in D.C. Congratulations Sarah!

Do you have news to share?
GET IN TOUCH WITH US

If you are or know any Psychology alumni, drop us a line and let us know what you're up to. You can email Dr. Noriega at vnoriega@miami.edu, José Rodríguez at JoseR@miami.edu, or Anna Fredericks at anabfred@miami.edu. Share your postgraduate experiences with current students and become part of the alumni family.

Psychology Looses a Good Friend

by Victoria Noriega (aka Mrs. King)

On April 24, 2004, after a valiant three year struggle with colon cancer that metastasized to the liver and lung, my beloved husband, **David Geoffrey King**, completed his journey through this life, and began his adventure into the unknown. During his brief stay with us, David was a good friend to the Department. He was a donor, an ardent supporter of our programs, a copy editor of all of the UASP publications, and a helper at almost all events, sporting his name badge (King of England) with a "staff" ribbon attached!



Thankfully, sons Matthew King, Claude and Sam Noriega, the various members of our family and many friends were able to visit during his brief decline. We all wish to thank Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Santiago Sifre (husband of graduate student, Tami Enos) who helped us enormously with his home visits, healing touch, wise words, and loving smile.

Holding down the fort during my absence from UASP were José Rodríguez, Anna Fredericks, and all of the Peer Advisors. I had never imagined an occasion that would take me away from advising...I guess that the IS has a bigger imagination than I. Many thanks to the staff, to Chairman Rod Wellens, and all of the faculty and students who have also helped and been so kind.

Throughout the ordeal, David remained his wonderful, patient, kind self... concerned with everyone else. Right to the last he was able to understand everything we said, and would choose to respond (making judicious use of his limited energy) with a smile or a kiss or a move of his inimitable eyebrows. As his liver began to fail, he showed signs of severe jaundice and went into a light hepatic coma.

On Friday night, the 23rd, I told him that I was afraid that he would die while we slept in our bed together. Considerate as ever...he stayed with me the night. On Saturday morning, he was busy with what seemed to be conversations that we could not understand...as if he were working hard to complete his journey, while dealing with various broken down engine parts, flat tires, and no spare. He was probably looking around for or reading various maps...for, of course, he would not ask for directions.

Late in the morning, I thanked David for allowing me to travel this distance with him, and suggested he listen to the compact disk of chanting made by his cardiologist friend, Dr. Beh. He quieted immediately and when I returned from starting the CD, he was intensely focused, still, and calm. His breathing was regular and deep and sure. He listened for about 3 minutes in this state, and then stopped breathing.

David's illness and passing have been an intense experience in living for all of us who shared it. Although he made it clear that he did not want to leave me, he was never afraid, and was troubled only by the pain he experienced, mostly in his back. David led an exemplary life...full of accomplishments and failures, successes and mistakes, good relationships and those that were less satisfying. In the end, I believe, he had achieved the ego integrity and wisdom Eric Erickson describes in his Psychosocial Stages. Erickson adds..."healthy children will not fear life if their elders have integrity enough not to fear death." (Childhood and Society, pg. 269)

Our first grandchild, Diana, was born in London on May 6 to Matthew and Barbara King. David did so want to be with Matthew at the birth. I am certain now that he was.

May peace be with each of you as you follow your own special path.

"The King is dead. Long live the King."

The Psi Chi Connection

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Psi Chi 2003-2004 Induction Banquet

Psi Chi Banquet Welcomes New Members

On April 23rd, Psi Chi held its annual banquet and induction ceremony. This year the event was held in the new Hurricane 100 Room on the UM campus. Psi Chi members and new inductees were joined by family, friends, faculty, and administrators who shared in a buffet dinner. New members were honored for their academic accomplishments and interest in the field of Psychology and Neuroscience. We are very proud of our new members and wish to congratulate and thank them for their participation. We look forward to working with them, along with our current members in the upcoming year.

Outgoing Officers



Joanne Nunes, Jenny Blanco, Amy Outz, Stephanie Wasserman, Theresa Dulski (not present)

New Officers



Diana Fernandez, Lauren Brown, Jenny Blanco, Theresa Dulski (not present)

New 2004 Psi Chi
Inductees



Congratulations New Inductees

Chritian Andrade
Corine Bell
Maria Blohm
Dustin Brimblecom
Lauren Brown
Katherine Calhoun
Victoria Chang
Nicole Christin
Drew Coman
Ivette Cruz
Mark Cusick
Frances DiFranco
Jenna Ebel
Enrique Escobar
Diana Fernandez
Robin Flicker
Nathalia Gillot
Erica Givens
Mikala Jayashekaramurthy

Jennifer Kelson
Magda Lopez
Nicole Lydecker
Elizabeth Mejia
John Niefert
Alba Reguero
Susan Rosas
Crystal Rozanak
Andre Sanchez
Nathalie Siru
Sarah Stechschutle
Alison Tam
Daniel Thiman
Jessica Tierney
Dante Trevisani
Luvianka Ventura
Tracy Walsh
Jason Wester
Kristina Zayas-Bazan

PSI CHI Induction Requirements

PSI CHI is the national honor society for psychology. Members are chosen yearly according to three criteria. Students must be a declared Psychology/Neuroscience major or minor with a minimum of nine credits in psychology, a minimum 3.0 GPA, and be 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 but think you may be eligible, email PSI CHI representatives at um_psichi@hotmail.com. For general information about PSI CHI go to www.psichi.org.

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