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## Greetings From the Department Chair

Support TTU Psychology! Help us build bright futures for our students! If you visit the Department's webpage, you'll notice that we're in the process of launching a departmental fundraising effort. Although we've long requested support of our various scholarships (see page 13), we're branching out a bit. We're starting the *Friends of Psychology Fund*, a fund that will target a few areas of critical need in the Department including summer support for our graduate students, faculty recruitment and special projects identified by the faculty.

As you may well know, summer support for our graduate students is always an issue. We'd like to expand on the opportunities available to them, including collaborative projects like the recent fellowship at the University Medical Center. These funds would also help us in our efforts to recruit faculty. Finally, as you can see from the story below, we'll also pursue special projects like landscaping the entryway to our building. These are just a few of the needs in the Department. Contributions to the *Friends of Psychology Fund* will undoubtedly have a meaningful and enduring impact on the lives of our students and faculty.

## Help Fund a New Beginning (or Entryway)!

The Department of Psychology is distinctive for many things, including an incredibly dedicated and productive faculty, doctoral students and training programs with national reputations. We're also known for having one of the least attractive entryways (okay, ugly) on campus. You'll notice below Jason Hodges' rendering of what the entryway to the Psychology Building might look like in a few years, that is, with some additional funding. The existing entryway to the Psychology Building just doesn't accurately reflect the productive, energetic and dedicated nature of our students and faculty.

In the summer of 2006, thanks to the effort and energy of Rosemary Cogan, students in an Honor's ecology class made a project of planning landscaping for

the front of our building. The class talked with students, faculty, and staff about what we would like in this area. The plans went to the TTU Landscape Architect, Jason Hodges, who has taken an interest in developing an integrated plan to help us make progress a little at a time until we achieve something functional and beautiful. Our plan is to start with the main entry to the building. There are two existing trees that provide shade for what we hope will be several picnic tables and benches to the left of the entry door. The people at the TTU Physical Plant are already holding several picnic tables and benches for us. Bright futures start at the entry to our building!

Help make this project a reality and make a donation to the *Friends of Psychology Fund*, Department of Psychology, MS 42051, Lubbock, Texas 79409-2051.

## Special points of interest:

- Graduate Student Focus
- Faculty, Students Awards and Honors
- Featured Alumni Series: Charles G. Halcomb, Ph.D.
- Updates from our alumni. Please keep in touch and send in something for the next newsletter!





## Program Updates

### COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

By Robert Morgan

I began my last issue of the newsletter with "After a one-semester developmental leave, I am re-energized and eager to get back to work." Well, I'm happy to report that energy and eagerness hasn't waned; however, it will now be focused on my research. Recently I have had some fortunate success with my research program and with Dr. Rudd's support, I have elected to step-down as director of the Counseling Psychology program. Not only is this a good professional opportunity for me as I aim to elevate my research program at an opportune time (academic verbiage for "strike while the iron is hot"), but a good opportunity for the program as well.

As you might recall, Dr. Sheila Garos served as acting chair while I was on developmental leave last fall, and so it is no coincidence that she will succeed me as director effective August 20, 2007. I greatly enjoyed my time, albeit brief, as training director and it felt like a natural fit. Thus, this was a difficult decision for me; however, it was eased by the fact that our program is experiencing incredible stability. We have had our core faculty together for six years, we recently received seven years re-accreditation by APA, and as a group we have been incredibly productive. Thus, I look forward to relinquishing the administrative reigns to Dr. Garos,

Although I will be stepping down, I look forward to increasing my direct training time with our students, something I had hoped to have more time for as director. During my first year as director the brown bag series was re-initiated. Due to other commitments I let that series slide during this last year and I look forward to rejuvenating this program in the Fall. Additionally, several students have expressed interest in an "academic discussion group" and we will initiate that in the fall as well. As I type, it sounds as if I'm returning to a well rounded faculty position, a very attractive proposition indeed.

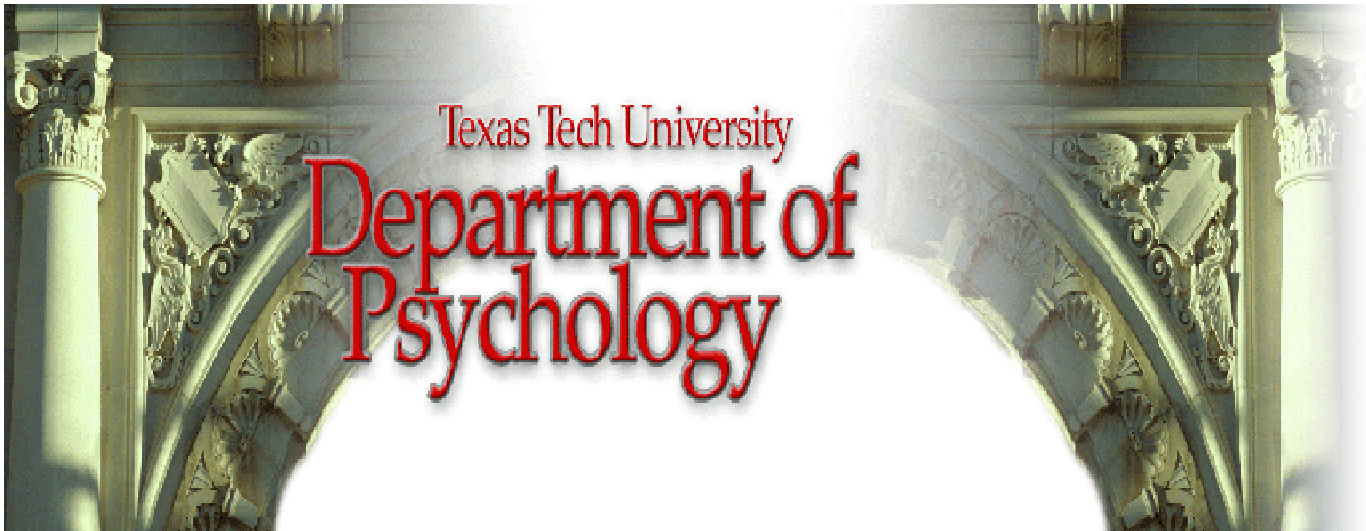
Too much about me, so on to bigger and better things. There are exciting things happening in the program and counseling psychology at large. Of growing interest is an international counseling psychology conference to be held in Chicago, March 5-9, 2008. Faculty and students at TTU aim to be heavily involved in the conference including participating in several organizing/planning committees. We hope to see many alumni at this exciting conference. Closer to home, we were excited to welcome not one, but two new additions to our extended program family as both Drs. Erin Hardin and Sheila Garos welcomed baby girls into their families. We are excited for the opportunity to watch them grow and develop. Speaking of development, we continue to contribute to the future of the profession. Beginning summer/fall, we have students beginning APA accredited internships as Kristen Chambliss (Central Arkansas Veteran's Healthcare System), Tiffanie Fennell (Missouri Health Sciences Center/Truman Memorial VA), and Femina Varghese (Northeastern Oklahoma Psychology Internship Program), all will be departing for greener pastures. We are equally excited to welcome our incoming class with six new students set to arrive in the fall. Welcome to Marshall Bewley (Texas Tech University), Erin Logue (University of Texas- Dallas), Erin Mahaffy (Portland State University), Megan Martinez (University of Mary Washington), Catherine Serna (Texas Christian University), and Petra White (Pittsburg State University).

There is much more our students and faculty are doing that I could brag about, but in the interest of trees (and Dr. Hardin taunts me for being environmentally unfriendly?) I'll end. Tag Dr. Garos, you're it.

*Our doctoral students are easily among the most well-qualified and productive on campus.*







## *Program Updates Continued*

### **EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM**

It will be a very busy year in the experimental programs with four new faculty hires this coming year (see separate story in this issue). We also are in the process of welcoming new students after a very successful application process. Jacob Fleming (Mercer University) will be working with Dr. Taraban, Elizabeth Schmidlin (University of South Florida) will be working with Dr. Jones, James Cazares (Cal-State Bakersfield) and Jennifer Holt (University of South Florida) will both be in Dr. Larsen's lab, and Katie Smith (Texas A&M Kingsville) will be joining Dr. Reich's lab. Please join me in welcoming them to the University, Department and Lubbock!

You'll also notice (separate story in this issue) that a considerable number of our students and graduates recently accepted jobs, post-doctoral positions, and new tenure-track faculty lines. Congratulations!

### **CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM**

The clinical psychology program is in the process of gearing up for its re-accreditation visit. This next year will be a busy one, with preparation of the self-study materials, including a survey of all alumni. Needless to say, it will require some heavy lifting on the part of faculty. The actual site visit won't occur until the following year. As you know, the counseling program just completed their site visit and re-accreditation process just a year ago.

Once again, the clinical program had a very successful interview day and it's also time to welcome our new group. We've got a fabulous group joining us in Lubbock including Katrina Cook (Baylor/TTU, Dr. Borrego), Kristin Goodheart (Fort Hays, Dr. Clopton), Ryan Graham (University of Wyoming, Dr. Mumma), Matt Jacobs (Syracuse, Dr. Cukrowicz), Janina Mayeux (LSU, Dr. Harter), Erin Schlegal (Ohio State University, Dr. Cuk-

rowicz), and Simone Sherman (University of Florida, Dr. Borrego). Please join me in welcoming them to the program and offering best wishes for a productive and enjoyable year.

We hope to see you at APA in San Francisco, quite a few of the faculty will be attending.



*Be sure to take a look at the awards and honors our students have received in the last quarter.*

## **Congratulations to Bob Morgan for his work in co-developing and organizing the North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference (NACCJPC)!**

Co-sponsored by the Criminal Justice Section of the Canadian Psychological Association and the Criminal Justice Section (Division 18) of the APA, Bob was the Conference Chair of the Steering Committee for the NACCJPC. Taking place from June 7-9 in Ottawa, the NACCJPC received over 200 national and international submissions and had an attendance of 370 people from 22 states, 9 provinces (Canada), and 9 countries. Speakers included Yossef Ben-Porath, Thomas Achenbach, Edward L. Deci, Christopher Peterson, Arie Kruglanski, David Farrington, Don Andrews, and of course our own Bob Morgan. In addition, there were over 1400 oral presentations, symposia, papers, posters, and workshops!



## **What's Your Abel Number? Six Degrees of Pharmacology**

Members of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) were asked many questions at their Experimental Biology meeting in Washington, D.C. in early May. However, perhaps the most well-received question was, "So....what's your Abel number?" Similar to six degrees of separation, an Abel number allows researchers to see how closely related they are to their field's founder, John J. Abel. Initiated by David Bylund of the University of Nebraska in Omaha, Bylund borrowed the creative idea from mathematicians, who in the past have defined themselves with an Erdos number to see how closely related they are to the Hungarian mathematician, Paul Erdos. Abel himself pioneered the discipline of pharmacology in the late 19th century where he formed depart-

ments at the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University. Abel also founded ASPET. Thus, one's "Abel number" is a sort of family tree, and turned out to be a great ice-breaker and huge hit at ASPET.

How does one get their Abel rating? Well, Abel published roughly 100 papers in his career. Abel had a total of 27 co-authors on all of these papers and these lucky 27 are assigned an Abel number of 1. These 27 co-authors have likewise co-published with at least 278 people, giving them an Abel number of 2. These 278 have co-published with at least 3,000 more; thus giving them a 3 for an Abel number (and so on, and so on). **Our own Alice Young attended the meeting and discovered she was one of very few women with an Abel number of 3.**

ASPET, which will be celebrating its centennial next year, was thrilled when Bylund pitched his idea to them. While more an expression of a person's proximity to their field's founder than one's prominence, the Abel number game was well-received and enjoyed by many. As past-president of ASPET James Barrett stated; "It links us to a lineage that goes back 100 years."

*Please note: This article was paraphrased from a story in News@Nature.com ([http://www.nature.com/news/2007/070430/pf/070430-12\\_pf.html](http://www.nature.com/news/2007/070430/pf/070430-12_pf.html))*

## **An Update on Our Podcasts!**

As many of you know, thanks to the hard work of Frank Durso and our two doctoral students Paul Derby and R.B. Watts, podcasts are now available on iTunes! These podcasts cover a variety of topics, with the majority presented by a member of our very own faculty and a national expert on the topic! Tune in to these informative podcasts and consider using them in future educational endeavors. The following topics are currently available: Eating Disorders; Persuasion, Dealing with Stress; Using Technology; Suicide; and Love & Relationships.

The departmental website is: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/psy/psy.php?page=podcast.html>.

The link that will connect you directly to the podcasts in the iTunes store is: <http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.wa/viewPodcast?id=256180230> (but please be aware that you must have the iTunes application to access this).



JOHN J. ABEL





## Graduate Student Focus: Highlighting Just a Few of the Many Accomplishments of our Productive Student Body

*Congratulations Sharon!*

### Sharon Fleshman

Balance. When I think about my graduate experience, this is the one word that continually comes to mind. Whether it involves keeping me balanced or helping clients to reach this goal, it has been a central component of my experience. Early on I realized that for me to consider myself successful and happy I was going to have to learn to nurture both my professional and personal lives.

As a scientist-practitioner I knew the importance of research driving practice, so I sought out opportunities to work in settings that would enrich both of these areas. Tech's in-house clinic provided a strong foundation through its rich experiences and diversity of faculty supervisors to venture out into the world of external practicum. I began by volunteering my time at the Southwest Cancer Treatment and Research Center (SCTRC). I also volunteered in the Pediatric Endocrinology Clinic at the Health Sciences Center (HSC). Both of these experiences led to paid placements through the Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) grant funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. After completing a year with the GPE grant, I had the wonderful opportunity of aiding in the establishment of a pediatric fellowship at the University Medical Center providing psychological services to patients and their families receiving treatment in the pediatric intensive care unit and the pediatric floor.

As a personal construct psychologist in both theory and practice, I believe that the richest source of information about an individual is through attempts to thoroughly understand that person's experience. Working closely with the patients, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers at the SCTRC allowed me to recognize the need for more research regarding the helping relationships that develop during patients' experiences of cancer. Due to the strong alliance and rapport that was developed between the SCTRC and the psychology department, I received tremendous support in conducting my dissertation at the center. The study aims to better understand patients' preferences for their relationships with healthcare providers during the early transition from diagnosis to treatment. The study is currently in the data collection phase.

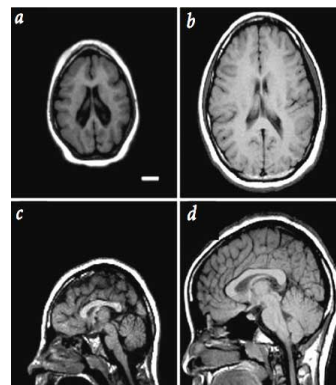
While at Texas Tech not only was I able to foster my growth as a psychologist through these rewarding experiences, I also found myself growing as a person. I was able to cultivate new and lasting friendships in Lubbock and developed even stronger bonds with loved ones back in Columbus, Ohio (including maintaining a long-distance relationship). Many experiences and plane tickets later, I am currently on internship, which began this July in Akron, OH at the Ohio Psychology Internship Consortium. I am working with adults, adolescent and child clients in a private practice setting and at a community mental health agency. I will have the opportunity to complete pre-surgery evaluations, psychological testing, and run drug and alcohol therapy groups. If you wish to contact me please feel free to email at [s\\_fleshman@msn.com](mailto:s_fleshman@msn.com).

### Jacek-Jonca Jasinski

Jacek has been selected to participate in the first edition of the Multimodal Neuroimaging Training Program, funded by the National Institutes of Health, to take place from June 18, 2007 to July 27, 2007. This summer he will be residing at the Center for Neural Basis of Cognition, a joint project of the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, where he will be exploring the relationship between the structure and function of the human brain. Additionally, he will be working on the application of MRI, Diffusion Tensor Imaging, and PET to diagnostics and prognostics in Alzheimer's Disease and Mild Cognitive Impairment. Jacek is currently completing rotation in Jim Becker's morphometry lab at the University of Pittsburgh and will soon move to the PET center located there. Eventually, he will move to the Alzheimer Disease Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh.

At TTU, Jacek is part of a multidisciplinary team of researchers comprised of faculty from the departments of Electrical Engineering, Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), and the TTU Health Sciences Center. He is using functional as well as structural MRI, Diffusion Tensor Imaging, and Electroencephalography to investigate human cognition. His doctoral dissertation aims at identifying neural correlates of genius and exploring the role of anatomical variations in the size and microstructure of the corpus callosum in cognitive performance.

Jacek is a recipient of the Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Fellowship, and most recently a Summer Dissertation Award. Jacek has been an APA fellow at the Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard Medical School where he received training in fMRI with a focus on clinical applications.



*Jacek doing what he loves.*





### Students Accept Jobs, Post-Doc and Internship Positions

Our doctoral students continue their strong showing in the job market this year. **Rico Mosby** accepted a position as a senior staff psychologist at the University of Missouri Counseling Center. **Melissa Santos** accepted a position as a health psychologist and senior staff member in the Eating Disorders Clinic at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. **Tammy Lowery Zacchilli** accepted a tenure-track position at Saint Leo University in Florida and **Mario Casa De Calvo** accepted a tenure-track position at Boise State University. **Andy Dattel** accepted a faculty position at Auburn University and **Monica Munoz** accepted a tenure-track position at her alma mater, Texas A&M International University. **Jacqui Cottle** accepted a tenure-track position at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. **Jason Frizzell** accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychology at the Western Missouri Mental Health Center. A number of students accepted internship positions including: **John Morris** (summer human factors internship with the User Research Lab at TTU), **Chris Sader** (human factors internship at Sprint), **Tammy Ott and Kerstan Mork** (human factors internships at TTU Information Technology Division), and **Allyson Hall** (human factors internship at Oracle).

#### *Clinical Psychology Graduate Students' Internship Placement for 2006-2007*

*Sharon Fleshman* Council of Psychiatry at Northeastern Ohio Universities of MedicineAkron, OH

#### *Counseling Psychology Graduate Students' Internship Placement for 2006-2007*

<i>Kristen H. Chambliss</i>	Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System	Little Rock, AR
<i>Tiffany J. Fennell</i>	Univ. of Missouri Health Sciences Center/ Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital	Columbia, MO
<i>Femina P. Varghese</i>	Northeastern Oklahoma/Oklahoma Forensic Center	Vinita, OK

### Welcome to Our New Students!

Clinical	Undergraduate Institution	Advisor
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Katrina Cook	Baylor/TTU	Borrego
Kristin Goodheart	Fort Hays	Clopton
Ryan Graham	Univ. of Wyoming	Mumma
Matt Jacobs	Syracuse	Cukrowicz
Janina Mayeux	Louisiana St. Univ.	Harter
Erin Schlegel	Ohio State	Cukrowicz
Simone Sherman	Univ. of Florida	Borrego

#### Counseling

Marshall Bewley	TTU	Morgan
Erin Logue	Univ. of TX-Dallas	S. Hendrick
Erin Mahaffy	Portland State	Garos
Megan Martinez	Univ. of Mary Washington	Robitschek
Catherine Serna	Texas Christian Univ.	Morgan
Petra White	Pittsburgh State	Cook

#### Experimental

##### *Cognitive*

Jacob Fleming	Mercer Univ.	Taraban
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##### *Human Factors*

Elizabeth Schmidlin	South Florida	Jones
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##### *Social*

James Cazares	Cal State-Bakersfield	Larsen
Jennifer Holt	South Florida	Larsen
Katie Smith	TX A&M-Kingsville	Reich



We wish all our students—old and new—the best of luck and greatest success at the various points in their careers.



## Recent Faculty, Staff, and Student Honors and Awards

Please take a look at our monthly news updates on our web page at [www.depts.ttu.edu/psy](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/psy) for a complete listing of faculty publications, presentations, appointments, awards and other honors.

**Joy Humphreys** received the clinical graduate student research award.

**Tanecia Blue** was awarded the Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Scholarship.

**Joaquin Borrego** has joined the editorial board for the *Journal of Family Violence*.

**Ingrid Weigold** was awarded the counseling graduate student research award

**Matthew Hayes** received the experimental graduate student research award.

**J Rudine** was awarded the PSY 1300 (General Psychology) Teaching Award.

The Advanced Course Instructor Award was fortunate enough to fall to two of our instructors; **Stuart Spendlove** and **Tammy Zacchilli**.

**Shelda Iverson-Borders** received the Course Teaching Assistant Award

**Tiffanie Fennel, Michelle Gaines, Matthew Hayes, Brian Johnson, Jacek Jonca-Jasinski** all received Summer Dissertation Awards for their work-Great job!

**Rosemary Cogan's** Psychology of Human Sexuality course (PSY 4300) was ranked 3rd in the "Best Class" award by graduating seniors in all departments, as cited by the 2007 "Reader's Choice" Awards.

**Joaquin Borrego** recently received a fellowship award from the 2007-2008 TLTC Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Program. This award carries with it a \$1500 stipend, as well as an intensive and specialized training program.

**Kelly Cukrowicz** is serving as the Program Chair for the 2007 TPA annual conference. **Bob Morgan** and **Stephen Cook** are also on the committee.

**Liliana Cordero** was elected the student representative for Division 12 (Clinical Psychology), Section VII for the American Psychological Association.

**David Rudd** will receive the Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award for advocacy at the 2007 APA meeting in San Francisco.

**Jim Clopton** received his 30-year Service Award pin and **Pat DeLucia** received her 15-year pin.

**Kelly Cukrowicz** was selected for the NIMH Summer Research Institute on Suicide Prevention held at the University of Rochester.

**Becky Bauer, Stephen Cook** and **Jim Clopton** were all honored as *instructors who made a difference* for members of the Mortar Board (top 50 graduating seniors).

**Keith Jones** and **Jim Clopton** were named *outstanding professors* by students being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

**Maggie Durham** was awarded a Quality Service Award for her outstanding work, recognizing her efforts to promote excellent quality service in a caring environment. We appreciate all the hard work Maggie!

**Linda Stracener** received a certificate of appreciation as an outgoing Senator for the Staff Senate.

**Kay Hill** is an alternative staff senator for 2008.

**Alice Young** is currently working on a National Research Council (NRC) committee. The title of their study is *Military and Intelligence Methodology for Emergent Physiological and Cognitive/Neural Science Research in the Next Two Decades*. Under the Division on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education and the Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences, the purpose of their study is to examine the state of physiological and cognitive/neural science research in order to anticipate the state of said research in the year 2027. They also hope to elucidate for the U.S. Intelligence Community the potential implications that may affect U.S. war fighting capabilities. This will further involve developing a standard framework for assessing the health, rate of development, and degree of innovation in research programs in the fields of physiology and cognitive/neural science. The project, which began June 14, is sponsored by the Defense Intelligence Agency and is expected to last 14 months.



*Great Work Alice!*



*Great Job Maggie!*

**Tim Ballew** won the *Best Student Paper* at the South Texas Symposium on Human Factors and Ergonomics. He also accepted a job with Perceptive Sciences in Austin.

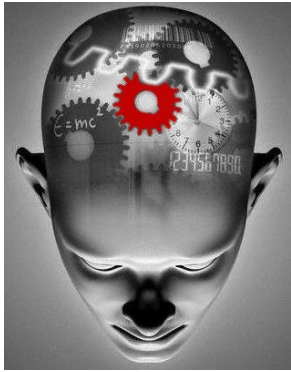
**Femina Varghese** was the recipient of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology Dissertation Grant.

**Jeff Larsen** joined the editorial board of *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

**David Rudd** was recently elected to the National Academy of Practice in Psychology as a Distinguished Scholar and Practitioner. The National Academy is restricted to 150 Distinguished Scholars and Practitioners at any one time.

**David Rudd** was also appointed to a *Treatment Improvement Consensus Panel* at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in Washington, DC. Other panel members included Ken Connor, Psy.D. (University of Rochester School of Medicine), James Wines, M.D. (Harvard Medical School), and Sean Joe, Ph.D. (University of Michigan). The meeting resulted in the drafting of a book entitled *Addressing Suicidal Thinking and Behaviors with Clients in Substance Abuse Treatment*. It will be published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in late 2007 or early 2008.





## Congratulations to a Very Productive Department! Publications January-June 2007

### January

Doran, N., McChargue, D. E., & **Cohen, L. M.** (2007). Impulsivity and the Reinforcing Value of Cigarette Smoking. *Addictive Behaviors*, 32, 90-98.

**Hardin, E. E.**, Weigold, I. K., **Robitschek, C.**, & Nixon, A. E. (2007). Self-discrepancy and distress: The role of Personal Growth. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 54, 86-92.

**Maki, W. S.** (2007). Separating bias and sensitivity in judgments of associative memory. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 33, 231-237.

**Mandracchia, J. T.**, **Morgan, R. D.**, **Garos, S.**, & Garland, J. T. (in press). Inmate thinking patterns: An empirical investigation. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*.

Markham, J.A., **Morris, J. R.**, & Juraska, J. M. (2007). Neuron number decreases in the rat ventral, but not dorsal, medial prefrontal cortex between adolescence and adulthood. *Neuroscience*, 144, 961-968.

**Sethumadhavan, A.**, & **Durso, F. T.** (in press). TRACON controller cooperative shift changes. *International Journal of Aviation Psychology*.

### February

**Cogan, R.**, Cochran, B. S., Valarde, L. C., Calkins, H. B., Chenault, N. E., Cody, D. L., Kelley, M. D., Kubicek, S. J., Livin, A. R., Noriega, J. P., Phelan-Glasscock, K. A., Seigel, S. C., Stout, T. I., Styles, J. W., & Williams, H. A. (in press). Sexual Fantasies, Sexual Functioning, and Hysteria among Women: A Test of Freud's (1905) Hypothesis. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*. (Report of a class project in PSY 4320).

**Fennell, T.** (2007). [Review of the book: *The Heart and Soul of Sex*]. *Contemporary Sexuality*, 41, 12.

**Garos, S.**, **Kluck, A.**, & Aronoff, D. (in press). Prostate cancer patients and their partners: Differences in satisfaction indices and psychological variables. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*.

**Hardin, E. E.** (2007). Presentation software in the college classroom: Don't forget the instructor. *Teaching of Psychology*, 34, 53-57.

**Harter, S. L.** (2007). Visual art making for therapist growth and self care. *Journal of Constructivist Psychology*, 20, 167-182.

Kroner, D. G., Mills, J. F., & **Morgan, R. D.** (in press). Underreporting of Crime-Related Content, Impression Management, and Criminal Recidivism among Violent Offenders. *Psychological Services*.

Lynch, T. R., Cheavens, J. S., **Cukrowicz, K. C.**, Thorp, S., Beyer, J., & Bronner, L. (2007). Treatment of older adults with comorbid personality disorder and depression: A dialectical behavior therapy approach. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*.

**Randolph-Seng, B.** (in press). Doing programmatic research: Two case studies from social psychology. *New School Psychology Bulletin*.

**Randolph-Seng, B.** (in press). Honesty: One effect of primed religious representation. *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*.

### March

**Maki, W. S.** (2008). A database of associative strengths from the strength sampling model: A theory-based supplement to the Nelson, McEvoy, and Schreiber word association norms. *Behavior Research Methods*, in press.

**Mather, R. D.**, & **DeLucia, P. R.** Testing for effects of racial attitudes and visual contrast on the speed of a driver's response to a pedestrian. *Transportation Research: Part F*.

Norris, C. J., **Larsen, J. T.**, & Cacioppo, J. T. (in press). Neuroticism is associated with larger and more prolonged electrodermal responses to emotionally evocative pictures. *Psychophysiology*.

**Santos, M.**, **Richards, C.S.**, & **Bleckley, M.K.** (in press). Comorbidity between depression and disordered eating in adolescents. *Eating Behaviors* [available online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.eatbeh.2007.03.005> ; 3/28/07].





## *Publications (Continued)*

### April

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- Cogan, R.** (2007). Therapeutic aims and outcomes of psychoanalysis. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 24, 193-207.
- Cohen, L. M., McChargue, D. E., and Morrell, H. E. R.** (in press). Negative Mood Regulation Mediates the Relationship between Distraction and Engagement in Pleasurable Activities among College Smokers. *Personality and Individual Differences*.
- Cukrowicz, K. C.** & Joiner, T.E., Jr. (2007). Computer-Based Intervention of anxious and depressive symptoms in a non-clinical population. *Cognitive Therapy and Research*.
- Larsen, J. T., To, Y. M., & Fireman, G.** (2007). Children's understanding and experience of mixed emotions. *Psychological Science*, 186-191. (Yen To is a former psychology graduate student.)
- Maki, W. S.** (2007). Judgments of associative memory. *Cognitive Psychology*, 54, 319-353.
- Morgan, R. D., Steffan, J. S., & Shaw, L.** (in press). Needs and Barriers for Correctional Mental Health Services: Inmate Perceptions. *Psychiatric Services*.
- Mumma, G. H. & Mooney, S. R.** (2007) Incremental validity of cognitions in a clinical case formulation: An Intraindividual test in a case example. *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, 29, 17-28.
- Rudd, M.D.** (2007). (Under Contract) *Finding Hope (when thinking about suicide)*. New Harbinger.
- Sharar, G., Joiner, T.E., & **Rudd, M.D.** (2007). Hypomanic symptoms predict an increase in narcissistic and histrionic personality disorder features in suicidal young adults. *Depression and Anxiety*, In Press.
- Taraban, R., & Blanton, R. L.** (Eds.). (under contract). *To Think and Act Like a Scientist: Undergraduate Research Experiences and Their Effects*. New York: Teachers College Press.
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**Matthew W. Hayes**, “Investigations into Unsupervised Category Learning: The Role of Working Memory in Learning Category Structures.” Committee Chairperson, Roman Taraban

**Mario P. Casa de Calvo**, “The Dark Side of Mimicry: The Relationship Between Nonconscious Behavioral Mimicry and Behavioral Confirmation.” Committee Chairperson, Darcy A. Reich

**Monica E. Muñoz**, “The Effects of Control Motivation on Perspective Taking.” Committee Chairperson, Darcy A. Reich

**Elizabeth S. Ibañez**, “Corporal Punishment in Families of Mexican-Origin: The Role of Acculturation and Respeto.” Committee Chairperson, Joaquin Borrego, Jr.

**Holly E. R. Morrell**, “Cigarette Smoking: Attentional Mediation of Anxiety as a Predictor of Nicotine Withdrawal Severity.” Committee Chairperson, Lee M. Cohen

**Jacqueline L. Cottle**, “The Effects of Group Deliberation on Capital Jury Verdicts: Bias Attenuation or Exacerbation?” Committee Chairperson, Richard P. McGlynn

**Monica Cortez-Garland**, “Chewing Gum and Reductions in Self-Reported Nicotine Withdrawal: Is it the flavor, chewing or both?” Committee Chairperson, Lee M. Cohen

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## *Featured Alumni Series...*

### **A former Professor of TTU, Charles G. Halcomb, Ph.D., in his own words**



Let me tell you a bit about myself. I was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1936 and went to school in Sand Springs, a little town just 7 miles west of Tulsa. My dad was an industrial arts teacher in Sand Springs. I graduated from high school in 1954 and attended Oklahoma Baptist University, graduating in 1958. At the last possible minute, I applied to the new Ph.D. program at Baylor and was accepted as a member of the first Ph.D. class at Baylor. One of my classmates at Baylor was Herb Reynolds, the former president and chancellor of Baylor. I was Roger Kirk's first doctoral student and left Waco in 1962 finishing my dissertation a year later (Roger was a tough taskmaster). My degree was conferred in January of 1964.

My first academic job (1962-1964) was at Murray State University in Kentucky. In April of 1964, I accepted the position at Texas Tech and as they say, "the rest is history." The human factors program at Tech really was the outgrowth of my work with my students and our determination to forge a unique identity within the experimental psychology program. I became the 2nd or 3rd director of the experimental psychology program upon the departure of Dr. Art Sweeny, who by the way, now lives just down the road from me here in Kansas.

In 1989, Charlie Burdsal, the chairperson at WSU and a former student invited me to come and participate as a Kansas Board of Regents advisor in the evaluation process for a new Ph.D. in human factors psychology. I took part in this process and as we all know the program was approved and they then asked me if I would be interested in making the move to Kansas. I think my initial answer was something like, "never in hell," but in time the idea of a program focusing on human factors in a psychology department, with plans to move into the top floor of the yet to be built new science building, combined with the chance to be much closer to my aging parents (both in their 80's), persuaded me to make the move. I must say it was not an easy decision and it took me almost as long to feel at ease with the decision as it did for me to learn to like Lubbock the first time we moved to West Texas. My goal in taking the position, as coordinator of the program at WSU, was to lead them in the development and implementation of a doctoral program (their first) and then to win HFES certification. I don't like certification programs, but consider them to be a necessary evil.

A bit about our program at Wichita State University. There are three programs as is the case at Tech. One in Clinical (APA approved), another in community (APA doesn't do community programs), and finally our HF program. Our program was originally certified the same year that the program at Tech earned that honor, but because of my potential retirement and some uncertainty on the part of the HFES reviewers about what that would mean to the program, we received a 3 year certification, subject to review. We did the new self-study after the 3 year period and after two years of foot dragging on the part of HFES we finally received the certification for the full 7 years (or whatever). We currently have 7 full-time faculty and are going to be adding one new position over the next couple of years. Two of our strongest faculty, Barbara and Alex Chaparro, are both Texas Tech graduates. Alex, who is the new coordinator for the program, did a multi-year post doc at Harvard after graduating from TTU and Barbara had several years of industrial experience before returning to academia. Our chairperson, Charles (Charlie) Burdsal is also a Tech graduate and a former student of mine. After he left Tech he did a post doc with Raymond Cattell at Illinois.

Why would anybody return to Lubbock? I am returning because I promised my wife that if she came to Kansas with me, I would retire and we could return to Lubbock when I reached 70. I am now 71, and she has suggested that my choices were to retire and join her in Lubbock or learn to cook. I decided to return to Lubbock. Retiring has been difficult, but leaving the program in the hands of people like Barbara and Alex has made it easier than it might otherwise have been.

Actually, I have two daughters and five grandchildren who live in Lubbock. My other daughter and her two children live in Arlington, Texas and we won't be any further away from them than we are now. The same is true for my 96 year old mother who now lives in Plano. I am looking forward to being able to enjoy some of the activities of the grandchildren as they grow up. My oldest granddaughter is a senior at Lubbock High and my youngest is in the first grade at Roscoe Wilson. I love to visit my daughter's science classes at Lubbock High where she is department head of the science program. My future plans include taking some music theory courses at Tech and/or South Plains College, spending lots of time playing steel guitar, reading, and staying in touch with friends and family. If I get really bored, I can always teach an online statistic course or something like that.





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## *Department to Have Busy Hiring Year in 2007*

The 2007-2008 academic year will be a very busy one for the Department with a total of five faculty positions to be filled. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, the Department will be searching for a **Regent's Endowed Professor** in counseling, clinical or health services psychology, a position that carries a \$500,000 endowment with the interest accrued used to support the professor's research/scholarship activities. The hope is to identify candidates that have superior academic and professional reputations, established records of external funding and national/international visibility.

In addition to the senior position, the Department will be hiring **four new assistant professors in the areas of: applied cognitive psychology (2 positions), social psychology, and human factors.** The positions in applied cognitive psychology will emphasize cognitive psychology or cognitive science, with preference to candidates specializing in computational modeling, neuroscience, or instructional technology, with interests in categorization, or

problem solving being particularly attractive. Although the specialty area for social psychology is open, preference will be given to candidates specializing in social cognition, cultural competency, or close relationships. The Human factors position is also open, but preference will be given to researchers with a cognitive orientation and focus. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please don't hesitate to apply or refer them to the main departmental web page ([www.depts.ttu.edu/psy](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/psy)) for details. Also, be sure to check our various ads in psychology outlets like the APA Monitor.



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### *Some Very Unfortunate News....*

**Michael Bieber** (Ph.D. from University of Utah) passed away on April 26, 2007. In addition to his psychological accolades, he was an avid marathon runner, golfer, incredible cook, and wonderful father. While not an alumni of TTU, Michael worked with distinction as an instructor at TTU from 1977-1981, and eventually opened up his own private practice. After moving to Dallas in 1995, Michael continued his accomplishments by obtaining his Master's in Psychopharmacology and a Psychoanalytic degree in 2006 from the Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Institute. Michael is survived by his mother, his brother Dutch, his sisters Mary and Meg, and of course his two loving children, Emily and Nick, and wife, Karen.

**Joseph Ray** (career at TTU from 1963 to 1990). A graduate from the University of Oklahoma, Joseph "Bob" Ray was integral in the formation of the Department's APA-approved Psychology Program (achieved in 1972).

**Our fondest wishes and  
sincere condolences go  
out to the friends and  
family of loved ones  
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## Where Are They Now?

**Les Meyer** (Experimental-Human Factors, 2001) was recently promoted to the head of Strategic Resources' User-Centered Design and Research (UCDR) team for State Farm Insurance. Well done!

**Jim Tuorila** (Counseling, 1986), 20-year employee of the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, was named the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Outstanding VA Health Care Employee of the Year. He received this award in Rochester, MN in June 2006. Jim has also been active in other areas, working with veterans who suffer from PTSD. He volunteered as VFW 428 Commander for three years, receiving the "All State Awards" each year. Congratulations Jim!

**Mark Smolensky** (Experimental-Applied, 1990) recently accepted a position as a Senior Human Factors Psychologist at AT&T Laboratories in Middletown, New Jersey. As a member of the AT&T VoiceTone product line, Mark conducts human factors research and designs speech-enabled IT applications. In his spare time, Mark is an amateur photographer, astronomer, and archaeologist, as well as an author of children's books, and an avid guitarist. Mark has been married for 12 years. He, his wife Sheryl, and his 4-year-old daughter, Annakah, reside in the Princeton, N.J. area. His personal email is: Mark\_Smolensky@msn.com.

**Martin Lemon** (Clinical, 1992) currently lives in Wheaton, Illinois with his wife (Dr. Lucia LiCavoli who graduated with her clinical degree in 1993 from Northwestern University Medical School). In September 2006, he opened up a wellness center in Warrenville, IL. This center is home to 20 professionals from a variety of disciplines including psychology, yoga, acupuncture, financial planning, pilates fitness, and nutrition/functional medicine. Their web site is clarus-center.com. Martin's personal email address is: lemonmartin@hotmail.com.

**Jodi Caldwell** (Counseling, 2000) is currently the Assistant Director/Training Director for the Georgia Southern University Counseling Center. She also serves as the chair of the Sexual Assault Response Team on campus, as well as on the Board of Directors

for the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center. She recently founded a new statewide network for Sexual Assault Response, geared toward initiating legislative changes in Georgia as it pertains to sexually violent crimes. In addition, Jodi is engaged to be married (in July) and will be a step-mom to Zach (age 8) and Nathan (age 16). Congratulations Jodi! Her personal email is: jodic@georgiasouthern.edu.

**Mike Walters** (undergraduate major in psychology, 1967) was recently interviewed by our own Kristin Gonzalez (1st year Experimental), with the intent of expressing his thanks to the discipline of psychology and how it has helped to shape his career. After graduating from TTU in 1967, Mike spent two years in the Peace Corps in Micronesia, where he taught English as a 2nd language. Afterwards, he spent 8 years teaching in Los Angeles, at which time he also obtained his Master's in Educational Counseling at the Univ. of LaVerne. Shortly thereafter, Mike decided on a career change and became a realtor in Oklahoma. This steered Mike toward a job as a Landman (a negotiator between mineral-owners and landowners), of which he has been employed by BP for 26 years. Mike's take-home message? A major in psychology can lead you to any variety of careers and helps you advance and better communicate with your co-workers because you have a basic foundation of how the human mind works.

**Rick Abbey** (Clinical, 2005) completed a 2-year Neuropsychology post-doc in Cincinnati and recently took a position at Stanford University. Congratulations to Rick and his wife, **Stephanie Carrera**, a recent graduate from our Counseling division!

**Michael Stokes** (Human Factors, 1990) is a manager of a group of human factors engineers at IBM. They design and evaluate software. When not working, he spends time at the coast with his family (Sabrina and Thomas). He's passionate about kayaking!



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