

Name our Newsletter

Willamette University Psychology Department Quarterly Newsletter

From The Chair...

Hi, all, and welcome to the first issue of our new Psychology Department newsletter. We hope to send this newsletter out quarterly (as well as post it on our website) to all declared majors in Psychology. In the newsletter, we plan to include information for majors such as upcoming Psi Chi events (the National Honor Society in Psychology), conferences you might be interested in, relevant commentary on important topics (provided by our own opinionated faculty), and, of course psychological cartoons. We will also accept letters to the editor for those of you

who would like to have your voices heard on various psychological and other issues.

As you can see from our masthead, our first order of business is to come up with a name for the newsletter. I have some possibilities milling around in my head, but I believe it would be better for you, the actual psychology majors, to name this. Therefore, the Psych department would like to offer a reward (at least the behavioral psychologists would) for the person who submits the best name for the newsletter. The reward will consist of a gift certificate to the Bistro, and the

judges will be none other than the Psych department faculty.

Please submit all entries to:

Name our Psychology Department Newsletter

c/o Allisa Jones

321 Smullin Hall

Deadline for submission is Friday, October 20th.

The purpose in starting a newsletter is to increase communication between the Psych department and our majors. We also want to have a forum for students to express their opinions on everything from classes to interesting (continued on Page 3)

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The winner of our "Name our Newsletter" contest will receive a Bistro certificate

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...

Wednesday, October 11th

"What I did with a Major in Psychology" 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Alumni Lounge of the University Center.

End of October

Seniors should have their topics set for their scholarly papers.

Tuesday, November 7th

Writing session for all Sen-

iors, 6:00 pm, 222 Smullin Hall.

Monday, November 13th

Submissions for Western Psychological Association due.

Tuesday, November 28th

Mass advising session for Junior Psych Majors, 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Dining Rooms 1&2 of the Cat Cavern

Tuesday, December 5th

Senior and Honors presentations for December Grads, 6:00 p.m. 222 Smullin Hall.

Date TBA

Study Break sponsored by the Psych Department during Finals Week

Late December

Mass collapse of students and faculty at end of term!!

Introducing Karen Solomon...

Last January, Karen Solomon began working as an Assistant Professor in the Psychology department at Willamette. She received her doctoral degree in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Chicago and has taught at both the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. In her doctoral work, Karen investigated how people use categories to recognize objects that they encounter in the world.

From the University of Chicago, Karen moved to Northwestern University

where she worked as both a post-doctoral research fellow and as an instructor. At Northwestern, Karen extended her work on object categories to social categories, such as race and gender. At Willamette, Karen plans to continue this work on social categories.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Karen received a BA from St. Olaf College, where she majored in Mathematics and Religious Studies. When she's not at work, Karen is spending time with her two daughters, Beatrice (2-1/2 years old) and Eleanor (1 year old), reading

mysteries and chatting with her husband Jeremy.

So far, Karen loves the temperate Oregon climate and has been impressed by both the quality of student and instructors at Willamette

...and Jack Palmer

Professor Palmer is a biopsychologist, which is to say he looks at behavior as a product of physiology, which is in turn a product of the complex orchestration of genes. In particular, Professor Palmer is interested in how existing genotypes have been shaped by natural selection to create propensities for certain behaviors. Professor Palmer has written a textbook on this topic which will be released by Allyn and Bacon in the fall of 2001. The title of the book is *Evolutionary Psychology: The Ultimate Origins of Human Behavior*.

Professor Palmer's personal origins are in the Deep South. He was born and reared in Georgia and received his undergraduate degree in Zoology from Clemson University in South Carolina.

It was at Clemson that he met his wife of 23 years, Linda/ Early in their marriage, he and Linda traveled extensively, living in a number of exotic places such as Majorca and the Big Island of Hawaii. In 1985, Professor Palmer began graduate work at the University of Georgia, specializing in primate studies and comparative cognition. He received his doctorate in Psychology in 1989. Over the last decade, he has been a faculty member with the Psychology department at the University of Louisiana.

Professor Palmer, his wife, Linda, their 20 year old son, Adam, and their 19 year old daughter, Nani, have now relocated to Oregon. They are all extremely happy and grateful to be here. Although the Palmers have lived in some

very beautiful places, they view Oregon as the complete package. "To find a place with wonderful natural beauty in conjunction with and upbeat, progressive culture is quite extraordinary," says Professor Palmer. "Moreover, teaching at Willamette almost perfectly matches the imaginary ideal I had about what college teaching would be like when I first entered graduate school many years ago. Not only are the students bright, but they are genuinely interested in the subject matter. I have already received more probing, thought-provoking questions during the few weeks I have been at Willamette than I have during all my previous years of college teaching."

Internship Opportunity

Salem Outreach Shelter has a Family Support Worker Internship position available. This position will provide case-management and monitoring of homeless families living in transitional housing facilities. Duties will include

assessing client strengths and barriers to goal achievement, developing of a case management plan and assisting families with follow through, and participation as a member of the case management team. This is a non-paid position, but

academic credit is welcome. Please contact Chris Mack, Volunteer Coordinator at 588-8898 if interested in this opportunity.

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psychological topics. Also, please let me know if you have ideas for how you would like to use the newsletter to best meet the needs of the students. Eventually we'd like to send the newsletter out to our alumni so that they can keep up with what is happening in the Psych department even after they graduate.

Finally, I'd like to let all Psych majors know that I'm available to meet with anyone to address any issues or concerns within the department. My office is 253 Smullin Hall, and I'm on campus every day but Thursdays (when I do forensic child abuse assessments at Lib-

erty House). I can be reached via email (medelson@willamette.edu) or phone (x6133) as well. Feel free to stop by if you need to or if you just want to say hello. For those who don't know me, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm a child clinical psychologist with clinical and research interests in sexual abuse, autism, and domestic violence. I teach a variety of courses here including: Intro to Psych, Child Psychopathology, Psychology of Women, and a number of seminars. I am married to Steve and have two girls, Janae (age 8) and Micaela (age 5); I also

have two beagles, Jasmin (age 10) and Hoover (age 5), and love sports (especially the Green Bay Packers). I'd be happy to talk with any of you at any point (except, of course, Dallas Cowboy fans-just kidding!).

I hope you enjoy our newsletter and that you feel comfortable contributing to it if you so desire. Remember, the newsletter is for you, our majors, so we want to hear your voices.

Sincerely,

Meredy Goldberg Edelson

And Now a Word from Psi Chi...

"The purpose of Psi Chi shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology and to advance the science of psychology."

The Willamette chapter of Psi Chi (the National Honor Society of Psychology) hopes to foster communication among all psychology majors and minors in order to create working communities within the Psychology department. This year, to gain a larger understanding of the career options available to Psychology majors, Psi Chi plans to continue to invite guest speakers on

various topics to our meetings. In addition, there are plans to start a psychology club that would be available to a larger portion of Willamette's Psychology students. Psi Chi activities are always open to all psychology students regardless of membership; however there are some requirements that must be met in order to be a member of Psi Chi.

Requirements:

- ∅ Completion of at least 3 semester or 5 quarters of college courses.
- ∅ Completion of 9 semester hours or 14 quarter hours of Psychology.

- ∅ Registration for major or minor in Psychology.
- ∅ Rank in the top 35% of class and have a cumulative and psychology GPA of 3.00 or better.
- ∅ High standards of personal behavior.
- ∅ Two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at a regular chapter meeting.

For more information please contact:

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Psi Chi Tutors Available...

Following is a list of Psi Chi members available for tutoring and the Psychology courses they can help with. Please contact them if you need more information or would like to make tutoring arrangements. If you are interested in serving as a tutor, please send your name and the courses you'd be inter-

ested in tutoring to Debbie Joa or Travis Harrison...thanks!

Travis Harrison (371-3939 or tharrison@willamette.edu) Intro to Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology and Research Methods & Analysis.

Emily Bower (585-0465 or ebower@willamette.edu) Intro to Psychology and Cognitive Psychology.

Debbie Joa (316-0060 or djoa@willamette.edu) Intro to Psychology and Research Methods & Analysis.

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Why we make Psychology majors take Research Methods

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Intro to Psychology, Play Therapy Seminar

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Intro to Cognitive Science, Study Release

**Sue Koger & Mary Ann Youngren
are on sabbatical during 2000-
2001.**