



Psychology Undergraduate Newsletter

The University of
North Carolina at
Chapel Hill

September 2013

Fall Semester

Welcome back!

Dear Psychology Students,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 academic year, and a special welcome to new students! We hope that you are happily settled in your classes for the fall semester.

A few times each semester we send out a newsletter with items of interest to psychology majors. Typically, they contain announcements about jobs, internships, and research opportunities for psychology majors, as well as deadlines and changes that are relevant to you. (Of course, we will continue to pass along time-sensitive communications via the psychology undergraduate listserv.) This first publication for the academic year is more of a brief welcome with a few announcements.

As you'll see in this copy of the newsletter, we are delighted to welcome several new faculty to the Department this fall. Additionally, the Psychology Club and Carolina Neuroscience Club are working on putting together great schedules full of activities for this year. Look for information about their full slate of activities in this newsletter, on their Facebook page, or their websites.

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful semester!

*Beth Kurtz-Costes
Director of Undergraduate Research
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Looking to gain
valuable experience
through volunteer
work?

Several agencies across NC specifically contact our department seeking psychology majors. This is an excellent way to gain experience for your next job or to help you make decisions about your career path.

Check out the
department website
[here](#) for volunteer
postings!

Fall 2013 Undergraduate Academic Advising

Looking for information on departmental requirements, graduate school, or career counseling?
Make an appointment for academic advising!

Steve Buzinski

Lecturer

Director for Undergraduate Research

236 Davie Hall

Mondays 10 – 11 AM

Tuesdays 10 – 11 AM

Desiree Griffin

Lecturer, Psychology Club Advisor

233 Davie Hall

By appointment

Jeannie Loeb

Senior Lecturer

333 Davie Hall

By appointment

Ryan Jacoby

Clinical Graduate Student

265C Davie Hall

Bi Weekly on Wednesdays 08/28 to 12/04

By appointment

Beth Jordan

Senior Lecturer

334 Davie Hall

Tuesdays 2 – 4 PM

Wednesdays 9 – 11 AM

Viji Sathy

Lecturer

332 Davie Hall

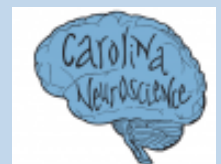
By appointment

Carolina Neuroscience Club

Interested in **neuroscience**? Studying psychology, biology, chemistry, public health, philosophy, economics or cognitive science? Or just think the brain and nervous system are fascinating? We think you'll love the **Carolina Neuroscience Club (CNC)**!

The CNC executive officers, Michael, Christopher, Malhar, and Marie welcome you to join us for another exciting semester of club activities. The main purpose of CNC is to serve as a non-committal resource for any Carolina student or community member interested in **neuroscience**. Essentially, we are a "neuroscience community" here at UNC. We want neuroscience students to become better connected with other students, research labs, summer opportunities, and to get advice about neuroscience related classes. Most importantly, we want students to learn about the most dynamic part of their bodies - their nervous system - and the rapidly expanding field of neuroscience research. We do all of this in hopes of showing the potential viability of a neuroscience minor or major here at UNC.

We meet **every Monday at 7pm** (tentatively, we are meeting in **Coker 201** for future meetings). During some meetings, we'll have speakers such as professors, researchers, or health professionals. Other meetings, we'll have journal clubs, do neuroscience trivia, have student speakers, or break into groups to learn about neuroscience opportunities on campus or elsewhere. Please explore our website (carolinaneuroscience.web.unc.edu); we post the meeting topics and locations, resources on finding a research assistant position, and a comprehensive google doc with neuroscience events like seminars, symposiums, and volunteer opportunities in the area. Please feel free to email one of the CNC officers if you have any questions. Email MarieClements5@gmail.com to be put on our mailing list. We're looking forward to a great semester!





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PSYCHOLOGY
CLUB



The UNC Psychology Club is a student organization founded for the purpose of bringing those interested in psychology together to learn more about opportunities in the field. This goal is accomplished via the invitation of guest speakers, faculty, and members of the community who are well informed about the field of psychology to speak to our members regarding specific topics, such as how to apply to graduate school, volunteer opportunities, undergraduate research, career paths, etc. Through social interaction and networking among members, our organization has grown to be an important source of information and resources for Psychology majors. Our main objective is to provide our members with opportunities to apply their background in psychology. If interested in joining, attend our general body meeting **Thursday, September 5th at 6:30pm in Davie 112**, or email Samuel.Jones@unc.edu for more information about our upcoming events.

If you are interested in the Psychology Club but will be unable to attend the meeting, please email kberckma@live.unc.edu so you can be added to the listserv. Below is the current schedule for AY 2013-2014.

General Body Meeting	09/05/13	School Psychology	01/23/14
How to Apply to Grad School	09/19/13	Volunteer Opportunities in Psychology	02/13/14
Graduate Student Panel	10/03/13	Clinical Psychology	03/20/14
Undergrad Research in Psychology	11/07/13	Non-Traditional Psychology Fields	04/10/14
Applied Psychology	12/05/13		



Founded in the spring of 2008, *Carolina Scientific's* mission is to produce a scientific publication each semester that focuses on the exciting innovations in science and current research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Carolina Scientific strives to provide a way for undergraduate students to discover and express their knowledge of new scientific advances, encourage students to explore and report on the latest scientific research at UNC-CH, and educate readers while promoting interest in science in research.

We are currently recruiting new writers, designers, editors and bloggers for the fall semester. *Carolina Scientific* is a great way to learn more about undergraduate research opportunities at UNC, improve your writing skills, and explore the growing field of science writing.

An interest meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 29th in room 2510 of the Union annex**. For more information, email Kati Moore at moorekj@live.unc.edu or visit the website at carolinascientific.web.unc.edu.

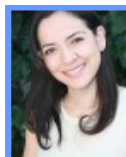
UNC Science Days

Are you interested in sharing your love of science and inspiring youth through mentoring? If so, ScienceDays is the organization for you! UNC ScienceDays works to mentor local elementary school students after school who are often marginalized or underrepresented in STEM fields. With fun, hands-on science enrichment opportunities, we aim to foster scientific curiosity in young minds and promote science education. Our current partners are NC Children's Hospital, the Human Rights Center, and Northside Elementary. If you think you may be interested, please come out to our interest meeting on **Tuesday, September 3rd at 5 pm in Union 3206.**



If you have any questions prior or cannot attend the meeting, please email us at uncsciencedays@gmail.com or find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/uncsciencedays>; <http://uncsciencedays.wordpress.com/>

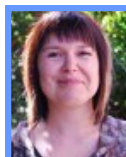
Five New Faculty Join the Department!



Dr. Laura Castro-Schilo received her Ph.D. in Quantitative Psychology from the University of California, Davis. Her program of research is centered around the development and application of novel multitrait-multimethod measurement models and dynamic individual-level models to longitudinal data, particularly in the study of the development of personality and affective processes in the Mexican culture.



Dr. Kathleen Gates is a quantitative psychologist who received her Ph.D. from Penn State. Her program of research is primarily focused on the development, testing, and dissemination of novel algorithms for detecting signal and noise in time series data, particularly as applied to functional MRI data analysis.



Dr. Marsha Penner received her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Arizona. Dr. Penner is assisting the department in supporting our evolving Neuroscience Minor for undergraduates as she is teaching the department's new course offered this semester, PSYC 390 *Introduction to Neuroscience*. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Dr. Penner is also the advisor to the Carolina Neuroscience Club.



Dr. Kathryn Reissner received her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior at the University of California, Irvine. Her interests lie in how chronic self-administration of cocaine leads to modifications in cellular physiology and neuronastrocyte communication; in turn, how these modifications may contribute to long-term drug seeking.



Dr. Paschal Sheeran joins us from across the pond where he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield in the UK. His research centers on self-regulation, defined as how people direct their own thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to achieve their goals. Within this overarching theme, the bulk of his research program targets health behavior change, with a smaller and more recent strand of work focusing on emotion regulation.



Please help us highlight your interesting research projects and activities in the newsletter! Send all photos and submissions to lauradepersia@unc.edu.