

DEPARTMENTAL

Quantitative Forum

Speaker: Daniel Seranno, UNC
Topic: "Work in Progress on Mixed Models: Exact Fit Testing and RMSEA Statistics for Mixed Models and Sample Weighed Multiple Group IRT Models with Structural Non-Invariance".
Date: Monday, March 26, 2007; Noon to 1:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Social Psychology ORG

Speaker: Alison Fragale, UNC
Topic: "Power Prerequisites: The Effect of Power and Status on Stereotypes and Self-Interest"
Date: Monday, March 26, 2007; 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 310

Cognitive Tea

Speaker: Yoonhyoung Lee, UNC
Topic: "Linguistic Complexity and Working Memory Structure: Effect of the Computational Demands of Reasoning on Syntactic Complexity"
Date: Monday, March 26, 2007; 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Biology Colloquium

Speaker: Joshua Jones, UNC
Topic: "The Effects of Sucrose Abstinence on Behavioral and Neural Responding"
Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007; 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to graduate student Mary Beth Mechlin and Rebecca Klatzkin for receiving the Graduate School Transportation Grant Fund!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RESEARCH SERVICES

RESEARCH NOTICE – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Changes in Computer Purchases on Sponsored Research:

We have been notified from Office of Sponsored Research in order to comply with NIH guidelines that all computers that are purchased on external funds will require approval from OSR. This approval process is in effect for all computers that are considered supplies (under \$5000). This justification will provide accountability to NIH that computers that are purchased on sponsored research funds are used specifically for that research (and no other purpose) in a research laboratory.

Listed below are the processes that can be implemented to comply with this recently imposed guideline:

- 1) If you are already into a grant period and need to purchase a computer, monitor or printer that was not clearly documented in the proposal, this can be accomplished by completing the approval form documenting a justification for how the item will be used in your research and the lab location.

- 2) If you are developing a proposal budget, the computers, monitors and printers will need to be noted separately within the supply line on the internal budget that is routed with the proposal (Brigid will handle this when she is developing the budget) in order for the OSR to see that these items have been specifically requested from the funding agency.
- 3) When the grant is funded (the documentation for the computer), the PI will need to complete the approval request to purchase the equipment.
- 4) If you purchase computers with a purchasing card, a request for approval will need to be approved before the equipment is ordered.

The Accounting Office now has these forms available and can assist you with the completion of the forms and acquiring necessary signatures prior to the procurement of the equipment.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: The Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund has been instituted to fund projects that have the potential to initiate or enhance collaborative projects between Duke and UNC -Chapel Hill. It is our goal to enhance meaningful social and professional networks between the campuses that are sustainable over the long term. Faculty, staff and students on both campuses are eligible to apply. One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded, and a total of up to \$50,000 is available for this year's competition. For more information on the fund, an application and a list of past winners, please see: <http://www.robertsonscholars.org/collaboration/> or contact Eric Mlyn at mlyn@robertsonscholars.org or 919-843-7506.

FACULTY FELLOWS: Full-time faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill are invited to collaborate with the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) through the RENCi Faculty Fellows Program.

The RENCi Faculty Fellows program gives UNC-CH faculty the opportunity to partner with RENCi in order to explore new research opportunities and directions; translate new ideas into technology prototypes; develop new community service or educational programs; or develop interdisciplinary projects that integrate the arts or humanities with science.

Fellowships for one academic year or one semester will begin either in the summer or fall 2007 semester. Proposals must be **submitted by April 1**. A full Call for Proposals with guidelines and submissions information is available at

<http://www.renci.org/about/fellows.php>

Fellows will receive \$50,000 in support and will have access to RENCi high-performance computing, storage, visualization and data management/analysis capabilities as well as sensor and hardware prototyping resources. They will work with RENCi staff and research scientists to realize the goals outlined in their proposals and will have resources to explore and develop new opportunities and multidisciplinary projects. Fellows will be expected to spend a portion of their time in residence at RENCi and to be actively involved in RENCi during their appointment.

Please read the RENCi Faculty Fellows Call for Proposals and submit completed proposals by April 1 to Margaret Buedel (buedel@renci.org). All those who submit will be notified of acceptance by May 15. For questions or clarification, please contact RENCi Deputy Director Alan Blatecky at alan@renci.org or 919-445-9643.

STUDENT RESEARCH AND TRAVEL FUNDING: The Science Directorate provides travel funds for graduate students to present their research at the APA convention. Approximately 100 graduate students will receive awards of \$300 to support the presentation of first-authored research. Registration fee waivers are also available to recipients. The application deadline is **April 2, 2007**.

For more details about this award, including eligibility requirements and application materials, go to <http://www.apa.org/science/awards.html>

GRANTS TO FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS: The Robertson Scholars Collaboration Fund has been instituted to fund projects that have potential to initiate or enhance collaborative projects between Duke and UNC. Faculty, staff and students on both campuses are eligible to apply. One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded, and a total of up to \$50,000 is available for this year's competition. All proposals should demonstrate how they will initiate new programs or significantly enhance an existing Duke/UNC collaboration. We are looking for ideas where collaboration between the schools might result in something greater than the sum of their individual parts. We are also looking for proposals that have the potential to impact a large number of students on both campuses. It is important that applicants make it clear who the partners are on each campus. This is best done by submitting truly joint applications that clearly show participation by both campuses. We prefer those proposals where the Robertson funds are important for the project and those projects that might not happen without Robertson funds. The **deadline for proposals is 5:00pm, Friday April 6, 2007**. Awards will be announced on or near May 1. Please submit all completed proposals to Robertson@unc.edu.

For more information on the Robertson Scholars Program, please visit:

www.robertsonscholars.org

A list of previous projects funded may be found at www.robertsonscholars.org/collaboration.

For questions on the proposals and the collaboration fund, please contact the program Director Eric Mlyn (919) 843-7506, mlyn@robertsonscholars.org.

AWARD FOR PH.D. DISSERTATION: The Seligman competition will award a cash grant of \$1,000 to a scholar who has completed a Ph.D. in any area of research related to Positive Psychology in the last three years and who plans to continue research in this area. The dissertation must have been completed after March 30, 2004.

The Seligman Award will be presented at the Positive Psychological Summit, Washington, DC, October 4-7, 2007. The award includes travel to the Summit and one day's lodging expenses.

Interested candidates should submit six copies of both their curriculum vitas and summary of their dissertation research (not to exceed eight single-spaced pages, including tables and figures, but excluding references).

The summary should contain:

- Description of the problem investigated
- An explanation of the methods used to investigate the problem
- A summary of the findings
- A discussion of the significance of the findings in relation to Positive Psychology
- An outline of how the work might be continued in the future

Materials must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2007**

A selection committee will determine the finalists by June 1, 2007. Finalists will then submit a copy of their completed dissertations for review. Materials should be sent to:

Communications Department
John Templeton Foundation
300 Conshohocken State Road, Suite 500
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

Additional information on the Seligman Award is available at www.templeton.org/SeligmanAward

GRANT FOR FACULTY: The FPG Child Development Institute plans to fund four small grants for conducting pilot research that will lead to externally funded research. Topics of the proposed studies may include child development, early childhood and elementary education, early intervention, children and youth with special educational needs across the school-age range, families, and health and welfare of children and their families.

Amount and Description of Award: The total amount of an individual award will be up to \$40,000 in direct costs, which may be spread across two-year period. Funds should be used for research expenses rather than investigator salary. Travel associated with research activities may be included but funds will not cover travel to conferences.

Who should apply: Tenure-track faculty members, research faculty members, and FPG investigators are eligible to apply.

What should the application contain: Applications should be 3-5 pages, single spaced. They should contain a clear introduction and rationale for the research, specification of the research questions, a description of methodology, a schedule and timeline of research activities, a clear statement about how the study or data collected will lead to future external funding, and a budget with brief justification. The FPG Business Office will be glad to assist with budget preparation for grant proposals (contact Cathy Sparks at 966-4804 or starks@mail.fpg.unc.edu) Applicants should submit three copies of the application to Dr. Samuel L. Odum, FPG Child Development Institute, CB 8180, or a single WORD copy to slodom@unc.edu with the topic identifier being FPG RESEARCH GRANT INITIATIVE. You may also contact Dr. Odum at 966-4250. The deadline for submission is **April 20, 2007**.

RESEARCHER AWARD: Sponsored by the APA Science Student Council, the Early Researcher Award competition rewards outstanding student research projects completed before the dissertation. In 2007, two \$1,000 awards will be granted to pre-doctoral researchers: one in basic science and one in applied science. The application deadline is **July 13, 2007**.

UPCOMING SHORT COURSES

Odum Institute

Title: Proposal Development
Date: Monday, March 26, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Manning Hall, Room 01

Title: SAS (Statistical Computing)
Date: Monday, March 26, Wednesday, March 28 and Friday, March 30, 2007; 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Manning Hall, Room 01

Title: Using Model Builder for Regional Modeling
Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2007; 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Location: Manning Hall, Room 01

The Center for Teaching and Learning

Title: The Promotion/Tenure Teaching Portfolio
Date: Monday, March 26, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Title: Peer Observation of Classroom Teaching
Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Title: Teaching in Summer School
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Title: Humor in Teaching
Date: Friday, March 30, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm
Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Invites you to join us for our Spring 2007 events. We offer open-enrollment workshops throughout the semester, addressing a wide variety of teaching topics. All workshops are held in room 207 R.H. House Undergraduate Library, 12:00-1:30pm.

March workshop offerings include:

- The Emotional Labor of Teaching
- The Job-Search Teaching Portfolio
- The Promotion/Tenure Teaching Portfolio
- Peer Observation of Classroom Teaching
- Teaching in Summer School
- Humor in Teaching

Please visit our website <<http://ctl.unc.edu/cal.html>> for descriptions of the open-enrollment workshops, and to register for events.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Linguistics Department

Speaker: Stanley Dubinsky, University of South Carolina
Topic: "Meditating the Syntax and Semantics of Control"
Date: Saturday, March 24, 2007; 11:15-12:15
Location: Dey Hall, Room 305
For more information visit <http://www.unc.edu:80/linguistics/colloquium.html>

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FSA REIMBURSEMENTS: Saturday, March 31, is the deadline for filing reimbursement claims on the NCFlex Health Care Flexible Spending Account and the NCFlex Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account for expenses that were incurred on or before December 31, 2006.

Claims must be RECEIVED by Aon Consulting **no later than March 31**.

After March 31, employees will not be able to claim any of the remaining monies in their year 2006 flex account(s). The spending accounts are flexible, but the deadline is not!

Download the claim form from http://www.osp.state.nc.us/ncflex/Forms/ClaimForm_2a.pdf, or request a copy from Benefit Program Administration.

Mail or fax claims forms directly to Aon Consulting.

Mailing address:

Aon Consulting
Flex Administration - #00001
P.O. Box 3002
Arlington Heights, IL 60006-3002

IMPORTANT NOTE: The mailing address for claims forms has changed. Previously, claim forms could be mailed to Winston-Salem, NC. All claim Forms must now be mailed to the Arlington Heights, IL, address above to avoid processing delays.

Fax claim forms to Aon at 866-887-3212. If you fax a claim form, be sure to save the fax confirmation statements and follow up

with Aon to ensure your fax was received by calling 877-371-2926 the next day. Also, be sure to keep a copy of all submitted claims for your records.

EMPLOYEE DSCOUNTS:

Apartment Discounts: For details, go to

<http://hr.unc.edu/employees/spa-employees/discounts/apts>.

The Villages of Chapel Hill: \$250 off first month's rent for faculty and staff.

Shops and Services Discounts: For details, go to

<http://hr.unc.edu/employees/spa-employees/discounts/discount-shops>.

Borders Books and Music Educator Savings Week March 22-27: save 25% on Books, CDs, DVDs, cafe and gift items.

Sports and Fitness Discounts: For details, go to

<http://hr.unc.edu/employees/spa-employees/discounts/discount-sports>.

Carolina Hurricanes: Discounts on FINAL UNC Night with the Canes on Friday, April 6.
