

Psychology Department Newsletter
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DEPARTMENTAL

Quantitative Forum

Speaker: R. J. Wirth, UNC
Topic: "Measurement Invariance in Models of Growth".
Date: Monday, April 2, 2007; Noon to 1:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Social Psychology ORG

Speaker: Marc Sestir,, UNC
Topic: "Time and Punishment: A Closer Look at Violent Media and Aggression"
Date: Monday, April 2, 2007; 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 310

Cognitive Tea

Speaker : Leslie Vaught, UNC
Topic: "Aging and Attention Switching in Working Memory"
Date: Monday, April 2, 2007; 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Biology Colloquium

Speaker: Jacqueline McGinty, UNC
Topic: "A Single Infusion of BDNF into the Media Prefrontal Cortex Suppresses Cocaine Seeking in Rats"
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2007; 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Developmental Colloquium

Speaker: Melissa Barnett, UNC
Topic: "Parenting in Economically Disadvantaged Rural Multigenerational Families"
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2007; Noon to 1:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 347

Clinical Colloquium

Speaker: Gabriel Dichter
Topic: TBA
Date: Friday, April 6, 2007; Noon to 1:00pm
Location: Davie Hall, Room 261

AWARDS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RESEARCH SERVICES

FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS: The deadline for applications to the Spring 2007 Future Faculty Fellowship Program (to be held May 16-18, 21-23) is this **Friday, March 30th**.

For program description, eligibility requirements, and application form see <http://ctl.unc.edu/cal.html> If you have any questions about the program, please contact Ed Neal at ed_neal@unc.edu or 966-1289.

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.

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>

REMINDER: that the 8th Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research will be hosted at UNC, Chapel Hill on Friday, April 27th. To participate, just complete a brief **application by April 6th**. To access the online application and/or get more information, please go to: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/our/8thfaq.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. Odom, 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

The Center for Teaching and Learning

Title: Planning/Redesigning Your Next Course

Date: Monday, April 2, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm

Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Title: Writing and Grading Essay Questions

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2007; Noon to 1:30pm

Location: Undergraduate Library, Room 207

Title: Planning for Your Last Day of Class

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 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 EVENT

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE'S CAROLINA CONSORTIUM ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Speaker: Christy Buchanan, Wake Forest University
Topic: "Perceptual and Self-Fulfilling Prophecies: The Role of Expectations in Parent and Adolescent Behavior During Early and Middle Adolescence"
Date: Monday, April 2, 2007; 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Location: Center for Developmental Sciences, Lower Level Classroom

NC CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m. Keynote Address: The End of Education

AAUP President Cary Nelson Jubilee Professor of Liberal Arts
and Sciences University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign

RECEPTION FOLLOWING

Saturday, March 31

8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Registration with Coffee and Muffins

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. That Clinking Clanking Sound

This workshop will focus on how foundations and other funding organizations can influence everything from trustee selection to curriculum decisions.

Panelists: William Race, Classics, UNC-Chapel Hill Ron Williams, Religion, Gardner-Webb University Kent Blevins, Religion, Gardner-Webb University Beth Mulvaney, Art, Meredith College

10:00 to 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Governance Warming: Changing the Climate at HBCUs

This workshop is concerned with the unique governance problems facing special mission institutions, especially HBCUs. North Carolina has eleven historically black colleges and universities.

Panelists: Charmaine McKissick-Melton, Journalism and Media Studies, Bennett College Laura Onafowara, Educational Leadership, Research & Technology, NCCU Blanche Radford-Curry, Government and History, Fayetteville State

11:15 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Contingency and Solidarity: AAUP and Non-Tenure Track Faculty

This workshop deals with the increasing use and exploitation of non-tenure track faculty and graduate students. AAUP has issued important policy statements concerning this issue and is involved in the organization of contingent faculty.

Panelists: Cary Nelson, English University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Deborah Hooker, English and Women's & Gender Studies, NC State

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch in the Atrium

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. NC-AAUP Annual Business Meeting

NC-AAUP President Cat Warren Presiding

Agenda Nominations and Election of NC Conference Officers Selection of Delegates to AAUP National Meeting Changes in Conference By-laws Other Business

2 – 2:15 p.m. Coffee Break

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. The Nuts and Bolts: AAUP Chapter Development

This workshop outlines the steps needed to form a new AAUP chapter. It also proposes a set of chapter activities designed to address relevant academic freedom and governance issues.

Panelists: Glenn Howze, AAUP National Council Member, District V Martha McCaughey, Interdisciplinary Studies, Appalachian State

3:15 p.m. Adjournment

for further information and maps:

nc-aaup.org

or email

ncaaup@rtpnet.org

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

REMINDER: HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT: The enrollment period for the State Health Plan's health insurance options ends at **5 p.m. on Friday, March 30**. This enrollment period includes both the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) and Comprehensive Major Medical (CMM), or indemnity, plans.

If you do nothing, you will remain in your current plan.

If you want to make any changes in your coverage or update your personal information (for example, your address) complete the Annual Enrollment Change form located in your enrollment kit (also available at http://statehealthplan.state.nc.us/annual_enrollment.html).

Return the completed change form to Benefit Program Administration, CB# 1045 or Suite 1700 in the Administrative Office Building, by 5 p.m. on March 30. Lines 1, 2, and 14 on the change form are required in order to process your changes. Any changes you make during annual enrollment will become effective on July 1, 2007.

For questions on the PPO, call State Health Plan customer service at 888-234-2416. For questions on the CMM, call State Health Plan customer service at 800-422-4658. For questions on the enrollment period, contact your HR Facilitator or your HR Generalist.

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.
